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LETTERS TO FORT ST. DAVID
1748-1749

(VOLUME No. 3.)

No. 1

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President and Governour &ca.
Council of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Princess Augusta Imported here the 14th. Instant, and the 27th. Sailed for Bengal in Company with the Essex Sloop, from Junkceylon, who Spoke with our three China Ships in the Streights of Malacca.

Enclosed comes the Accounts of this place, for September, October & November, as the Country is now pretty quiet, I shall without loss of time Set about my Investment.

I am with the greatest Esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs

Ganjam — Your most Obedient and most Humble Servant

30th. November 1748. — John Andrews.

No. 2

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favour of the 22d. October Covering Duplicate and Second Bill of Exchange I have received.

This Accompanys a Packquet Received from Ganjam, and Inclos'd you have Duplicate of my last with Diarys, Cash, and Paymasters Accounts for October.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Vizagapatam — Your Most Obedient humble Servant

8th. December 1748. — Robert Goodere.

No. 3

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

My last to Your Honour &ca. bears date the 30th. November; It's with no Small pleasure I can now Acquaint You that After a long since of disquietude, the Country about us, is pretty easy, The Catack Country likewise which has been embroil'd, in War, now almost four Years, is also at peace which makes the demand for Europe Goods, in these parts very Considerable; the Necessary Indent for this Place, I have Sent enclosed, which I beg your Honble &ca. will be pleased to Comply with.

By the former Accounts I have given of the troubles here, You will judge, I have been able to do no business this last Year, and the Cloth I have on hands is so little, that its not worth the Sending, besides which as it is Reported here, that the Enemys Ships are off Ceylon, had I more I should not have sent it without Your Orders.

I am with the Greatest esteem

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obed^{t}. and Most Obliged

GANJAM

Humble Servant

29TH. DECEMBER 1748.

JOHN ANDREWS.

N°. 4

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote you last under the 15th. October, Duplicate of which is inclosed; Since which Your honour &c^{as}. Advices of the 9th. and 21st. Sept^{r}. and 4 October have been received; the former of which the President Acknowledged to govern-our Floyer under the 28th. Ultimo, when he informed him of the Arrival of our long expected Ships the Durrington and Streatham at this Place.

The Essex Sailed hence the 6th. Instant directly for Great Britain, as did the Orford on the 23^{d}. following to fill up on the Mallabar Coast.

With regard to what your honour &c^{a}. wrote us under the 4th. Ultimo concerning Sultan Davids Affair, we shall only Observe, that Althô it is not to be doubted but your honour &c^{a}. may be well Assured that Sultan David will not contest the Attachment of 20,000 Rupees in the Presidents Hands, Yet we wish it had been as Suitable to have got Such a Declaration under his hand before our General Discharge was deliver'd up, Conformable to our Request under the 22^{d}. July last; However, as the Term of Six months, which the Law allows for Exceptions to be given in by the Defendant to an Attachment, expires, this day, we Shall pray the Mayors Court for a Decree in the Hoñble Company's Favour.

The City of Surat Still continues in Trouble and Confusion, on Account of the Contest between Meah Atchund and Suffdar Cawn for the Government thereof.

As Your People are withdrawn from the Camp, we hope Your honour &c^{a}. will be able to Send us (Agreeable to our former Request) a List of Such Persons belonging to this Presidency as would have their half Pay made good to their Families here, as likewise An Account of what Pay is due to the Detachment that came here on his Majesty's Ship Winchester, As till then we cannot make any Payments on either of those Accounts.

With regard to lading Goods on board any Ship that might be Sent to the Mallabar Coast from Your Side, we formerly proposed it to Your Honour &c^{a}. in case of your being over burthened with Tonnage, in consequence of which Suitable Orders were then transmitted, as well as Since Repeated, to our Subordinates, and it will be found that none of our Hoñble Masters Ships will meet with any disappointment.

We are

BOMBAY CASTLE

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

THE 28TH. NOVEMBER 1748.

Your most Humble Servants

WILLIAM WAKE.
J. SEWELL.
THOMAS LANE.
HUGH SYMMONS.

N°. 5

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President and Govr. &ca. Council
At Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have now before us Your favour of the 6th. Instant, Advising of Your Intentions to Send the Colchester hither for filling up with Pepper, which Shall be Complied with, having Standing Orders to load Any Ship's which may Come from Your Side. We have now Remaining in Warehouse Candies 5321. 14. 29¾ Mds. lb. of Pepper, and as we don't Know of any more Ships than the Stretham and Oxford to be loaded from hence this Season, we leave it to you to Send Such others as you may judge Necessary for taking in the Remainder, which we hope will Ease you considerably of the Great Tonnage you will have on your hands when Mr. Boscawen Returns the Ships to you.

On the 11th. Instant Captain Powlett in his Majesty's Ship the Exeter arrived here, having under his Command the Harwick and Eltham, as also the Elizabeth and Brilliant Snow Captain Cummens in the Royal Duke did not reach this place 'till the next day, having Stopt at Callicut to take in Sundry Necessaries for the men of War After being Supplied with Water and fresh provisions for their people, they all Sailed for Bombay the 17th. following.

Enclosed is three Receipts from Capt. Powlett Amounting to Rupees Six thousand nine hundred fifty five and eighty Reas (Rupees 6955 — 80) for what Supplied his Majesty's Ships, while here, which please to Recover of the Admiral, As we Shall debt your Presidency for the Same.

The 19th. Ultimo the De Lawarr Capt. William Steevens Arrived here, and agreeable to Your Honour &cas. Orders we put on board her three hundred Candies of Sandall Wood, and Consigned the same to Her Supra Cargoes, whom we Acquainted with our proceedings in regard to the Dispatch of that Ship, enclosing them all Necessary papers. She did not Sail from hence till the 1st. Instant.

On the 3d. Instant Our Honourable Master's Ships Orford and Stretham Imported here from Bombay, the former of which we dispatched to Anjengo the next day to fill up for Europe, and the latter to Bombay the 16th. following, with Pepper, and such part of their Several Indents as She Could take.

We must now Acquaint Your Honour &ca. of Angria's Fleet Cruising off this place, with Seven Grabs and a great Number of Gallivats the 16th. the Men of Warr exchanged a few Shot with them, but were not able to get nigh enough to do them any Damage. They were Seen the 19th. in the Morning Standing to the Southward, upon which the Chief Sent Letter's to Anjengo and Cochin Directed to Capn. Steevens of the Oxford, Advising him thereof, as he had done before, of their being off Mount Dilly, which we hope will reach him, and by it prevent, any Accident which might otherwise happen.

Nothing Material offering to Communicate, we have only to Assure You of our being

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Tellicherry
December the 24th. 1748.

Thomas Byfeld.
John Robinson.
...
Charles Water.
Richard Sceker.

N°. 6

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having fully Laden the Lapwing Capt. Francis Cheyne for Europe We now Dispatch her with Orders to touch at your Presidency for Such Advices as you may think proper to Send by her.

Enclosed We send First Bill of Exchange on his Majesty's Storekeeper at Cuddalore for Nine hundred and Eighty Current Rupees Ten Annas & Six Pie (980. 10. 6) drawn by Captain Robert Wilson for Stores Supplied his Majesty's Ship Apollo with The Ammount whereof you will be pleased to Receive & bring to the Credit of this Presidency. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Humble Servants

Fort William
the 22d. December 1748.

William Barwell
&ca. Council.

N°. 7

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have Laden on this Ship Porto Bello Sundries as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed.

Herewith Your Honour &ca. will Receive the Warehouse Keeper's Receipts for the Red Wood landed here from Ships Lapwing & Success.

Fort William
the 22d. Decr. 1748.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most humble Servants
William Barwell.
George Pattle.
Adam Dawson.
Hum: Bellamy.
William Kempe.
Edward Eyles.
William Fytche.
Roger Drake.
E. H. Cruttenden.

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Persuant to an order received from the Honble the President and Council of Calcutta to proceed to the dispatch of the Ship Porto Bello, I set out immediately and Arrived on board the 26th. of December, the Captain having Signed his Bills of Lading at Calcutta and being ready to receive his dispatches I now give him his Sailing orders and Also a packet directed to Your Honour &ca. Council Enclosed I have Sent you the following Papers Vizt.

A List of the Ship's Company.

The Gunners Report of the Guns &ct.

The Ship now draws fifteen foot Nine Inches Abaft and fifteen foot Seven Inches forward I wish her a Speedy and prosperous Voyage, & am with Respect

Honble Sir & Sir's

Dated on board the
Porto Bello off
Inge[ttu] ye. 26th. Decr. 1748.

Your Very Humble Servant
Scroop Fleming.

To Mr. Scroop Flemming.

Sir

Pursuant to an Order of Governour & Council dated the 22d. December I have taken a Survey of the Ship Porto Bello Captain Banjiman Fisher her Guns & Amunition & find as follows.

20 Guns mounted.
23 Barrills of Gun Powder.
30 Rounds of Shott.
with Small Arms & Furniture in proportion.

On board ye. Porto Bello
off Ingeley 25th. Decr. 1748.

I am
Sir
Your most Humble Servant.
James Irwing,
Gunnr.

List of Packet ℔ Porto Bello to Fort St. David.

No. 1. General Letter to Fort St. David dated the 22d. December 1748.
2. Invoice of Salt Petre.
3. Invoice of Packing Stuff.
4. Invoice of Rice &cta.
5. Invoice of Stores.
6. First Bills of Lading of Sundries Laden on board the Porto Bello.
7. Copy of the Warehouse Keeper's Receipts for Red Wood.
8. Copy of the Porto Bello's Charter Party.
9. Copy of Captain Benjamin Fishers Sailing Orders.

N°. 8

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sir's

Enclosed We Send Duplicate of Our Letter ℔ Winchelsea of this Date This Serves to forward Invoices & Bills of Lading of Sundries laden on this Ship True Briton as also Second Bill of Exchange for Nine Hundred & Eighty Current Rupees Ten Annas & Six Pie (980. 10. 6) drawn by Captain Robert Wilson on Mr. Alexander Mc. Pherson his Majesty's Storekeeper At Cuddalore being for Stores Supplied his Majesty's Ship Apollo Which You'll be pleased to Receive & bring to the Credit of this Presidency.

Mr. Scroop Flemming who dispatches these Ships will Advise Your Honour &ca. of the Necessary from Ingellie.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Humble Servants

William Barwell.
George Pattle.
Adam Dawson.
Hum: Bellamy.
William Kempe.
Edward Eyles.
William Fytche.
Roger Drake.
E. H. Cruttenden.

Fort William
the 22d. December 1748.

P.S. Enclosed is the Gunners Report of the Powder Sent by these Conveyances.

List of Packet ℔ true Briton to Fort St. David.

No. 1. General Letter to Fort St. David Dated the 22d. December 1748.
2. Duplicate Do. Do. ℔ Winchelsea do. do.
3. Invoice of Salt Petre.
4. Invoice of Rice & Wheat.
5. Invoice of Stores.
6. 1st. Bills of Lading for Sundries Laden on board her.
7. Gunner's Report of Gunpowder.
8. Second Bill of Exchange on his Majesty's StoreKeeper.
9. Copy of the True Briton's Charter Party.
10. Copy of Captain Broadley's Sailing Orders.

Indent of Stores wanted for the Garrison of Fort William.

2 Mortars of 12 Inches each.
600 Bombs for D[o].

Pr. James Irwin,
Gunr.

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Persuant to an Order received from the Honble the President and Council of Calcutta to proceed to the Dispatch of the True Britton, I set out immediately and Arrived on board the 26th. at Night but the Captain not being ready for his dispatches did not give him his sailing Orders untill this day.

Captain Henry Broadly Having returned seven Baggs of Wheat and four of Rice on Account of their being Damaged. I have Endorsed it off his Bill of Lading.

The Captain having Signed his Bills of lading, I now deliver him his dispatches and also a packet directed to Your Honour &ca. Council Enclosed I have Sent you the following Papers Viz.

A List of the Ships Company.

The Gunners Report of the Guns Powder &ct..

The Ship now draws Seventeen foot Water forward and Seventeen abaft, I wish her a Speedy and prosperous Voyage & am with respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Humble Servant
Scroop Fleming.

Dated on board the True Britton off
Ingelle the 27th. of Decr. 1748 at
9 o Clock A.M.

To Mr. Scroop Fleming.

Sir

Pursuant to an Order from the Governour & Council dated the 22d. Instant: I have taken a Survey of the True Britton Captain Henry Broadley's Guns and Ammunition & find them as follows.

22 Guns Mounted.
37 Barrills of Gun Powder.
30 Pounds of Shott with Small Arms & Furniture in Proportion.

I am

Sir

Your Most Humble Servant,

James Irwin,
Gunr.

On Board the True Briton
Lying at Ingeley ye. 25th. Decr. 1748.

No. 9

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

This waits on You ℔ our Honble Master's Ship Winchelsea On her We have laden Sundry Stores as ℔ Invoices & Bills of Lading Enclosed.

We have Ordered Captain Baron to touch at the Northorn [*sic*] Settlements for their Bales.

We have Laden on the Ships now bound to Your Place the Quantity of Salt Petre the Captains have requested for being as follows Viz^{t}.

On the Winchelsea	1,300 Baggs.
On the True Briton	1,200 D^{o}.
On the Porto Bello	800 D^{o}.

The Invoices & Bills of Lading for which are forwarded on the respective Ships, and have reserved the power of turning it into whole Freight should there be Occasion.

Having Drawn a Bill of Exchange on Your Presidency for Current Rupees Thirty One Thousand Four hundred Sixty Seven and Six Annas (31467. 6) in favour of Richard Prince Esq^{r}. We desire Your Honour &c^{a}. will pay off the Same as also Bill in favour of M^{r}. Andrew Munro for CR^{s}. 4968. 8. 6.

Enclosed We send Duplicate of our last dated the 12th. Instant & are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

FORT WILLIAM
THE 22^{D}. DECEMBER 1748.

WILLIAM BARWELL.
GEORGE PATTLE.
ADAM DAWSON.
HUM BELLAMY.
WILL: KEMPE.
EDWARD EYLES.
WILLIAM FYTCHE.
ROGER DRAKE.
E. H. CRUTTENDEN.

N^{o}. 10

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

We wrote you last under the 24th. Ultimo, & this is purposely to give Cover to the enclosed Packet received this Afternoon from the Honble President & Council at Bombay.

M^{r}. Douglas in a private Letter to the Chief Advices the Arrival of Ships Colchester and Oxford at Callicut the 13th. Instant and their leaving that Place the 14th. following, but they are not as yet in Sight.

Angria who has been Cruising between this place and Cochin for Sometime past is now Gone to the Northward with his whole Fleet without having taken any thing.

We fully Acquainted Your Honour &c^{a}. in our last of all Material Occurrences So that we have at present no more than Assure You of our being.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Obedient Humble Servants

TELLICHERRY,
JANUARY THE 17TH. 1748/9.

THOMAS BYFELD.
JOHN ROBINSON.
... ...
CHARLES WATER.
RICHARD SECKER.

N°. 11

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote You last under the 28th. November Duplicate of which is enclosed; and on the 2d. Instant received your Honour &ca. favour of the 14th. November ℔ Brilliant Snow, which came from Tellicherry under Convoy of his Majesty's Ships Exeter, Harwich, and Eltham, with the Honble Compys Ships Royal Duke, & Elizabeth, under Command of Captain Paulet; which Squadron is at present refitting here.

When the Brilliant is properly repaired She Shall be returned conformable to Your Request.

Since we wrote You last our Chief & Factors at Surat found it absolutely Necessary for the preservation of the Honble Company's Effects and Factory's in that City, to join Such People as we had there to those of the Government and Principal Merchants Against Suffdar Cawn; who After two or three Skirmishes Obliged him to Surrender Himself, with his Guns Ammunition &ca. to the Govr. Meah Atchund: But Suffdar Cawn not caring to continue there Requested a Passage on one of our Grabs to Scindy; which being also Strenously entreated by the Government and all the Principal Inhabitants our Chief and Factors thought themselves Obliged to Consent thereto: But the Vessell meeting with hard Weather upon that Coast the Commander at his pressing Request put into this Port, when Suffdar Cawn came ashore, having been promissed protection by the President, with Liberty to go away when and where he pleases. Thus Stands Affairs in that City, thô from the Weakness of the Mogull Government (And there are not wanting those inclined to make an ill use of it for their private Advantages) there is too much reason to Apprehend fresh Troubles will Arise.

We hope Speedily to be Acquainted what Ships will be discharged his Majesty's Service, that we may comply with the Honble Company's Orders concerning them, which are " to Act According to the Circumstances and Situation of their Affairs, " by dispatching some of them with proper Cargoes home as fast as can be, Send- " ing others to Bengall or Fort St. David."

From what we wrote You last Your Honr. &ca. will Observe we had no reason to expect any Disappointment on the Mallabar Coast in loading Goods on board any Ship from Your Side; but we are Since to our Admiration informed that the Chief and Factors at Anjengo committed an egregious Error in not ordering the Oxford from Gallee, especially as Your Honour &cas. Directions were so clear for Sending her to Tellicherry in case they had not Goods to load her; And they were informed of the Cessation of Arms; However Mr. Byfeld remedied that mistake, by transmitting the Commander Orders to proceed directly to Tellicherry, and Sent the Orford, being a small Ship, and partly loaden, to take in the Goods lying at Anjengo. Upon Captain Steevens requesting People to Navigate his Ship home, we Supply'd him accordingly, and whom he will receive at Tellicherry.

We are preparing to Dispatch the Streatham to Great Britain.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Humble Servants

William Wake.
William West.
... ...
Thomas Lane.
Hugh Symmons.

Bombay Castle
the 10th. Janry. 1748/9.

Attested to be a true Copy.
Thos. Hodges
Secry.

N°. 12

To the Honourable Charles Floyer Esq^R^.
President & Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort S^T^. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last Letter to Your Honour &c^a^. bore date the 17^th^. Instant, and late last Night Arrived here An Express Boat from Bombay who brought us a Letter from the Honble President & Council, Acquainting us that they intend to send home the Stretham directly from thence, by which Step (after loading Ships Oxford and Colchester) we shall have no further Demands on us for Pepper than only three hundred Candies (Ca^s^. 300) for the Durrington. Our Remains in Warehouse this day is five Thousand three hundred twenty two Candies Eight Maunds twenty Nine pounds and three quarters (Ca^s^. 5322. 8. 29¾) but as you have not Sent us any Calculate of Tonnage of either the Oxford or Colchester we Cannot pretend to say what may remain after Loading those Ships therefore must leave it to You to Send Such others as you may judge Necessary.

md. lb.

The Colchester And Oxford have been in Sight these two days but are not yet Arrived Owing to the Strong N.W. we have had lately.

We are,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient Humble Serv^ts^.

Tellicherry
January the 22^D^. 1748/9.

Thomas Byfeld.
John Robinson.
Charles Water.
Richard Secker.

P.S. The remains of Pepper in Warehouse
md. lb.
than Ca^s^. 5321 14 19.

N°. 13

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esq^R^.
President & Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort S^T^. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This is to inclose Duplicate of our Last of the 26^th^. Instant and of the Several Invoices of Goods, Laden on Ship Winchelsea Captain Christopher Baron with Copys of the Indents of Wares and Stores. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obed^t^. humble Servants

Vizagapatam,
January 28^TH^. 1748.

Thomas Sanders.
Samuel Banks.

P.S.—We Omitted to inform you that Captain Mc.nemara landed here 3 pipes of Madera belonging to the Company please to write us at what Price they are to be Sold.

N°. 14

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are to Acknowledge the receipt of your Honours &ca. Favours of the 21st. November 2d. Ultimo And 16th. Instt. with Invoice and Bill of Lading for Sundrys on the Success which are duely received.

The Charges of 2¾ ℘ Cent on the Remittance Shall be brought to Account.

Strict Regard Shall be had to his Majestys proclamation, we hope peace will ensue and Our Honourable Masters Affairs flowrish [*sic*].

The Madepollam Weights likewise the Chay goods Come on this Ship as ℘ Seperate Invoice inclosed Amounting to Pags. 4144. 4. 60.

Mr. Saunders Arrived here the 30th. Ultimo and has received the Ballance of the Company's Cash of Mr. Goodere who Set out for Ingeram the 16th. Instant the Several other employs have been delivered over as usual.

Messrs. Prince and Westcotts Salary and Allowance shall be Adjusted According to your directions.

Our Honble Masters Ships Royal George and Rhoda imported here the 8th. many of the Rhodas men Sick we gave them all the Assistance in our power and they Sail'd the 14th. with a fair Wind for Bengall.

We shall send Mr. John Andrews what Rupees we can Spare but must Request You will please to Supply us with Rupees 50000 and Madrass Pagodas 20000 by early conveyances as we have a fair prospect of making a good Investment, inclos'd is likewise Indent of Wares and Stores which we are much in want of her.

The Winchelsea Arrived here the 24th. After a tedious passage we have given her the greatest dispatch we could and inclosed is Invoice and Bill of Lading for 164 Bales of Callicoes Amountg. to Pagodas 12092. 6. 2 exclusive of the Madepollam Chay Goods.

With this comes copy of our Books ending April 1748.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble. Servants

Vizagapatam
26th. January 1748/9.

Thomas Saunders.
Samuel Banks.

N°. 15

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This is just to Accompany Copys of Ingeram Books for 1747 & 1748. Extract of the Expences & Journal Parcels And Cash Accounts from Primo May to Ulto. November which I now Send by the Winchelsea Capt. Baron.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble. Servant

Vizagapatam
27th. January 1748.

Thos. Saunders.

N°. 16

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This Serves to inclose Invoice and Bill of Lading for Gue and Wheat Shipp'd on board Stree Mutringalo Manuel De Mora Master, Account and Risque the Honble United East India Company; I am with much respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Ingeram
the 23d. Decr. 1748.

Your Most Obedt. humble Servant
John Churchey.

N°. 17

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This Dispatches the Winchelsea with 150 Bales of Callicoes on Account & Risque of the Honourable Company, for which Invoice and Bill of Laden come Inclosed; I am Sorry I have to Acquaint Your Honour &ca. that in Order to give her a quick Dispatch (as She Arrived So very late) I had provided a Small Vessell that carried above 200 Bales which with three Boats that carry from 50 to 60 Bales more was in Great hopes of Dispatching her in four or five days at furthest, But to my great Misfortune after the Boats had made 2 Trips on board with 116 Bales & were going down the River in company with the Vessell as the last Trip & Violent Squall of Rain with Wind came on & After that another which lasted altogether above 5 Hours & has Damaged 200 Bales so much that I could not think of Sending them on board without their being all Unpack'd & dryd well in the Sun, which must have detained the Ship at least Six or 7 days longer, So that I thought it wou'd be proper to dispatch her with the few that escap'd the Rain & have wrote to Vizagapatam for their Advice wether [*sic*] I shall Send the remaining Bales by the first Opportunity that offers to Your Honour &ct. or wait Your Orders About them. The Factory lying many Miles from the Sea & having nothing but open Boats with Cadjan Matts to cover the Bales, that Such an unforseen Accident Could not well have been avoided, & I hope Your Honour &ca. will not think it any Neglect or missconduct [*sic*] of mine.

Mr. Saunders Arrived at Vizagapatam the 29th. December when I deliver'd over to him the care of that Settlement Cash & 164 Bales of Callicoes together with the Several Books And Papers designed for England; The Ingeram Books for the Year 1747 Mr. Saunders carried with him to Vizagapatam and I suppose takes this Opportunity of forwarding them to your Honour &ct.

I have received Your Several favours of the 21st. November 2 December and 16th. January with Duplicate of what wrote me by the Ingeram Boat, who is not Yet Arrived; Account Current Fort St. David Shall be Credited for the sundries she has been Supply'd with, and for the batta & Charges remittance on the 5000 pagodas to Vizagapatam,

Your Honour &ct. may be Assur'd I shall give the Grain Merchants all the encouragement Possible & my best endeavours shall not be wanting to procure Wheat, but I believe impractable; for it was by mear [*sic*] Chance & with great difficulty Mr. Saunders Sent Your Honour &ct. such a Supply from hence.

I am much Obliged to Your Honour &ca. for the 10000 Pagodas Sent me ℔ Success which I hope will enable me to begin my Investment & Contract with the

Merch^{ts}. but as this Factory was Indebted to M^{r}. Saunders Above two Thousand Pagodas must therefore request You will favour me with a farther Supply As soon As possible, likewise that You will be pleased to send me the sundry Wares & Stores wanted at this Settlement As ℔ Inclosed Indent.

I am with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

INGERAM, Your most Obedient Humble Servant
THE 6TH. FEBRUARY 1748/9. ROBERT GOODERE.

P.S.—Inclosed are my Vizagapatam Diarys Cash and Paymasters Acco^{ts}. for November & December.

INDENT OF SUNDRYS WANTING AT INGERAM SETTLEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1749.

Broad Cloth Superfine Scarlet		2 Pieces.
Broad Cloth Fine Scarlet		4
Emerald Green Fine		1
Aurora		1
Fine Yellow		1
		— 9 Pieces.
Wood Oil	1 Jarr.	
Tarr	2 Barrells.	
Gun powder	1 D^{o}.	
2 pound Shott	100	
½ pound Shott	100	
	lb.	
Red Lead	10	
Hartall	10	
White Lead	1 M^{d}.	

Coils of Europe Rope from 6 Inches to one Inch of each One Coil.

ROBERT GOODERE.

N°. 18

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your favour of the 29th. Ultimo came to hand the 15th. Instant by which We Observe You have received the Amount of Rice Supplyed Captain Pawlett by this Factory.

We have received the Hoñble Company's Pacquet ℔ Tartar Man of Warr.

The 17th. Ultimo the Orford sailed a Second time for England and the 15th. Instant the Oxford & Colchester sailed for England the 8th. Instant a ship passed under English Colours which we suppose to be the True Briton & the 9th. passed a large Danes Ship called the Copenhague from Tranquebar bound as they say to Tanonor, We wish She may not prejudice Our Hoñble Masters Affairs on this Coast and much more so shou'd she load Pepper & sandall for China. The Appollo passed Yesterday from Pondicherry for Maihie.

The Doddington from England for Bombay Arrived Cochien the 5th. Instant many of her men being down with the Scurvy, The Durrington is taking in her Mocho Cargoe at Tellicherry, and the Stretham will be loaded for Europe at Bombay She being Obliged to make A new foremast has detained her, but we Expect her down the Coast very soon.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

ANJENGO,
THE 17TH. FEBRUARY 1748/9.

RICHARD BOURCHIER.
THOMAS PATTLE.
FRANCES FOWKE.

N°. 19

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since our Last of the 22d. December, We have been favoured with Your severall Letters, of the 13th. 14th. 22d. Octr. the 1st. November & 2d. December.

We shall give your Presidency Credit for the Stores supplied the Hawke Sloop, with which We are sorry to observe to You is not Yet Arrived, when She does we shall forward the Mustard Seed You mention to be on board her by the first Conveyance.

We have demanded of the Captains of the Royal George and Rhoda the Madeira said to be on board their Ships who informed us that there were but 4 Pipes which they delivered at Vizagapatam.

We observe the Stewards report of the Wheat sent you by the Colchester, whereby it Appears to be bad, on which we called on Mr. Bellamy the then Buxey, who referred us to our Consultation of the 27th. February 1747/8, where it appears to be purchased by the board, There being at that time no other Wheat in the place and as the Colchester was not then able to proceed to the Coast, the Wheat lay in our Goaloes the last rains which must Consequently prejudice it.

Enclosed we send You Invoices, & Bills of Lading, for Sundries laden on board this Ship, And as the Captain has not taken on board All the Gunneys & Twine We designed sending You, We desire Your Honour &ca. will Enquire & see whether this Ship Carrys her full Tonnage.

We have laden on board this Vessell the Utensils for the Mint Master, as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading herewith sent.

We are to request Your Honour &ca., will send us 200 Tons of Redwood by the first Opportunity, as we are in want thereof.

The 1st. Instt. the Exeter was dispatched from Ingellee fully laden for Europe, the East-court is now under dispatch and We hope to get the Bombay Castle away this Month.

Our Honourable Masters ship Somersett is Arrived at Ingellee the 7th. Instant.

On the Royal George and Rhoda We intend Sending You Six thousand Baggs of Rice.

Enclosed your Honour &c^{a}. will receive an Acco^{t}. of Coral remaining in our Warehouse which has not been claimed Copy whereof We have transmitted to Europe & are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most humble servants

FORT WILLIAM,
9TH. FEBRUARY 1748/9.

WILLIAM BARWELL.
GEORGE PATTLE.
ADAM DAWSON.
HUM^{RY}. BELLAMY.
WILLIAM KEMPE.
EDWARD EYLES.
ROGER DRAKE.
E. H. CRUTTENDEN.

N°. 20

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By this Ship We now transmit you a Packet from the Honble the Court of Directors for Your Place received by Ship Somerset, for which You have Cap^{t}. Collin's receipt Enclosed.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servants,

FORT WILLIAM,
THE 11TH. FEB^{RY}. 1748/9.

WILLIAM BARWELL.
&c^{t}.

N°. 21

HONBLE SIR AND GENTLEMEN,

We have received the Letter You did us the honour to write us from FORT S^{T}. DAVID on the 20th. of July last, together with an Invoice of the Cargo laden on board the Ship Scarborough, which according to Your desires We have Accepted in the Room of that which we now return You.

We are

HONBLE SIR AND GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

CANTON,
THE 10TH. OF NOVEMBER 1748.

FREDERICK PIGOU.
THOMAS SHORE.
SAMUEL COURT.
ALEX^{R}. HUME.
BENJAMIN TORIN.

N°. 22

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I send You this to Acquaint You, that having used my Utmost Endeavours to get round the Island of Zeyloan, And proceed on my Voyage to Tellicherry, I could never get farther to the Southward then Nine Degrees & a half. I made point Pedra Tuesday the 7th. Currt. was Close in with the Shoals off that point, the wind being to the Southward of East, was Obliged to stand to the Northward to get Clear of it, And then to the Southward Again, with fine Little Gales of wind, but the Current so Strong Against me that I lost Ground daily, Yet I made the Island two or three times Anchored under it for 36 Hours, in hopes of a Change of wind or Current, but neither of them Shifting I weighed Again, Since which have drove to the Northward So farr that I could but Just reach this port where I Arrived this day and Anchored, for had I kept the sea with these winds a few days more I should have been driven to the Northward of Fort St. David, Should the Wind Yet Change in my favour I shall not wait for your Answer to this, but proceed on Conformable to my Orders, but if I find I cannot, Shall waite here untill I have Your farther Oders, I am with the Greatest respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Christr. Baron.

Negapatam Road
From on Board Ship
Winchelsea March 18th. 1748.

N°. 23

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I wrote Your Honour &ca. the 18th. past advizing You that After All my endeavours to get round the Island of Zeloan I drove to the Northward and that twas with the greatest difficulty I got to this place, I have been ever Since waiting for An Answer but not having Rec'd Any makes me fear my Letter is miscarried.

The winds Still Continue Against me, but Should a Westerly wind Set in which is daily Expected. I should endeavour yet to get round without your Orders Contradict it, which I impatiently wait for, I am with the Greatest respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Negapatam,
26th. March 1749.

Your Most Obedt. humble Servant
Christopher Baron.

N°. 24

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed is Duplicate of our last under the 14th. Instant p Cuddalore Sloop, and on the 20th. the President received a Letter from Governour Floyer dated the 2d. Ultimo, wherein he desires to know whether we would have any of the eight Companys Ships that would be returned by the Admiral, sent this way, as he Knows not well otherwise how to dispose of them.

When we wrote Your Honour &ca. in August last, that there would be twelve hundred Tons of Pepper on this Coast to Spare, for such Ships as you should think Proper to send for it, we expected the Doddington might Arrive here in time to be dispatched home this Season, and Allowed Accordingly for that Ship in the Calculate we then made; But On receipt of Your Advices of the 14th. December last We Ordered the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry, immediately to inform you what Quantity of Tonnage they Should have remaining after the Dispatch of the Oxford and Colchester, as mentioned in the inclosed Duplicate; and upon receipt of their Advices You then doubtless came to a Resolution whether to send for such Surplus Tonnage, or otherwise, As you judged most Suitable, as before this can possibly reach You it will probably be too late in the Season for You to dispatch any Ship to Tellicherry.

We are in expectation of receiving Your Directions concerning the Royal Duke and Elizabeth, the Commanders of both which Ships have lately informed us of their having Iron on board, which we believe will turn to best Account here, notwithstanding we have on hand fifty Tons from the Delawar, And the Doddington may probably bring a large Quantity. The Commander of the Royal Duke says She is to proceed from Your Coast to China, and, in such Case, if You think proper, she may have Cotton, and Some of the new Crop of Pepper for her Voyage, and probably Some Sandall Wood; but we shall be in want of Silver to compleat her Stock, and therefore we judge that ship must be returned to Your Presidency. The Elizabeth we at present have thoughts of sending to the Bay with Cotton and some Pepper, Ordering her first to you, except your honour &ca. shall in the interim think proper to direct us Otherwise.

As Yet we have received no further Orders from the Honble Court of Directors than mentioned in our Letter of the 10th. Ultimo but it may be Supposed You have 'ere this can be received; from whence we are in daily expectation of receiving Such Advices in regard to the two Abovementioned Ships, and what else Your Honour &ca. shall judge necessary.

Please to Observe to Credit this Presidency for the Papper [*sic*] As well as Gun powder sent by the Cuddalore Sloop, and not Tellicherry Factory for the former, as erroneously mentioned in our Letter by her, and the enclosed Duplicate of it.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most humble Servants

Bombay Castle
the 24th. February 1748/9.

William Wake.
William West.
Thomas Lane.
Hugh Symmons.

N°. 25

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council
of Fort Sr. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote You last on the 10th. Ultimo as ℔ Duplicate enclosed; and on the 15th. following Your Favour of the 14th. Decr. came to hand.

Notwithstanding we wrote Your Honour &ca. under the 19th. August last, that there would be About twelve hundred Tons of Pepper on the Mallabar Coast for Such Ship or Ships as might be sent from Bengall or Your Presidency to take it in; we immediately on receipt of your Letter abovementioned wrote Express to the Chief & Factors at Tellicherry ordering them to Acquaint Your Honour &ca. how much Pepper there would be remaining in their Warehouse after the Oxford or Colchester, or both (as might happen) should be filled up.

The Cuddalore Sloop, built here for the Service of your Presidency, being finished, we now dispatch her to your honour &ca. with Sixty Barrells of Bombay Gunpowder Amounting to Rupees eighteen hundred and Sixty seven (1867) as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed; and which was as much as the Master could receive on board, so as to be properly taken care of. She is order'd to touch at Tellicherry for the Chief and Factors Advices, and who we have directed to Consign Your Honour &ca. as much Pepper as she can conveniently take in, (being unwilling to dispatch her an empty Vessell) and which You will either please to dispose of at Outcry, or send to England as you may judge most proper, duly giving the Chief and Factors Credit for the same as likewise this Presidency for the Gunpowder laden on board here. The Account of the Sloops Cost & Outsett you will receive inclosed, being Rupees twelve thousand eight hundred and five, two Quarters and forty three Reas, for which Your Presidency will be duly debted.

We now dispatch the Streatham fully loaden from hence for Great Britain.

His Majesty's Ship Exeter has been hove down and cleaned, and the Eltham is now preparing to do the like.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Bombay Castle,
the 14th. February 1748/9.

Your most humble Servants

William Wake.
William West.
Thomas Lane.
Hugh Symmons.

N°. 26

To the Honourable the Governour and Council
of Fort Sr. David.

Honble Gentlemen

Inclosed is a Letter which will Show you, what induced me last year to Attempt carrying a Small Quantity of Teas to Bincoulen; to have proceeded with them for the Coast; in Case the Gentlemen of Fort Marlborough had desired it.

I am affraid the Company have changed their Resolution. Else, You would have had the great Macao Ship St. Luis, belonging to Luis Coclo, loaded with Teas this year. Perhaps it is otherwise; and then, if you would be certain of having large Quantitys Sent; you must Send one third or at least a fourth Part of their value to be Advanced to the China Merchants at Respondentia upon their Teas; which, no doubt, private people will very readily furnish, for the Sake of the Preemium [*sic*]

which case, the best way will be to imploy Some One or other of the Company's Supercargos, or at least to send a Strong Recommendation, to be Shown to such of the Supercargoes as the Person whom you may imploy thinks proper. Is [*sic*] ever am with most profound Respect and great Esteem.

HONBLE GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient devoted
Humble Servant
ARCHIBALD DUFF.

CANTON,
THE 24TH. JANRY. 1748/9.

P.S. Mr. Harrison in his Letter to you has made a Mistake with Regard to the Company's Prices: It was in their Instructions, to give ten to eleven Pagodas for the Lowest Sort of Such Ordinary Bohea Teas as are Commonly carryed to Batavia; And for the Most ordinary Sort of Green Tea thirteen to fourteen Pagodas And the Company had Reason to make Such a Difference.

A.D.

N°. 27

TO THE WORSHIPFUL THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

WORSHIPL. SIR & SIRS

Instructions from the Honourable Company to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort Marlborough were, that the Ship Norfolk shou'd be consign'd to me and Mr. Francis Muriell (who were appointed Factors of her In England) to Benjar, but Affairs having taken an unexpected turn those Gentlemen consigned her to us to this Place, in the Same Manner, and under the Same Restrictions, that she was Order'd from Home to be consigned to us to Benjar, and in their Letter to us they were pleased to insert an Extract of the Honourable Company's General Letter to the Governour and Council of Fort St. George, which came into those Gentlemen's Hands by the Ship Norfolk's being prevented going first to the Coast, wherein the Honourable Court of Directors order Purchases to be made of all low priced Bohea and Green Teas, which shall be brought them by any of the Armenians or Portuguese, provided they are sweet, and good of their Kind, Answer the Musters sent in the same Pacquet, and can be bought at the several Prices mentioned in their Letter, and they further order that no Duty shall be payable to them on Such Teas, which Letter I imagine, or a Copy of it, was sent You by the Ship Bombay Castle Captain Brown Commander, & which I hope You have received; She sail'd from Fort Marlborough for your Settlement the 3d. of July last. The Box of Tea Musters was deliver'd to us for our Guidance, but we, in the Streights of Sunda Opening the Box, And judging from the Several Cannisters of Tea of each Number, that those Gentlemen had deliver'd us all the Musters which had been sent them, conceived it absolutely necessary to return the Remainder, After taking enough of them for our Governance, Seeing the Inconvenience which would Arise both to you, & them (without the Musters) if any Teas Should be brought to you, and A few days After we met with, as we thought, a good Opportunity; These Musters I hope have been Safely received, and some of them forwarded to you; The Gentlemen of Fort Marlborough say in their Letter to us, that they beleive it will be highly Acceptable to our Honble Masters if we can prevail upon any of the Armenians, or Portuguese to carry the wanted Sortments, at the laid down Prices, to Fort St. David, or their Settlement. The Opinions of those Gentlemen, and a hearty Desire to promote the Interest of my Employers,

have Occasion'd me to labour at obtaining such an Importation of Tea; The Person whom I have discoursed with on that Head is Mr. Duff whose Residence is at Maccoa, And who is the Bearer of this Letter, and finding he would much like the thing, could he be certain of selling his Cargoe, I have ventured to shew him all the Paragraphs of the beforemention'd Extract, to induce and encourage him to the Undertaking, and beleiving that no other Means could possibly determine him in Favour of it; In Consequence of which, he has promised me either by himself, or in Partnership, to take the first Opportunity to carry you a Quantity of low priced Teas, which shall be sweet and good, not Musty, or damaged, and that he shall be very ready, And willing to contract with You for Teas Yearly, and has given me a Letter to the Honble Court of Directors, informing them of his Intentions. I cannot venture to Mention more of the Extract lest things should miscarry than that the Honourable Company will give from Ten to Eleven Curr^{t}. Pagodas ℔ Pecul for Bohea And Green Teas, if brought in Chests lined with Lead, and if sweet and good, not Musty, or damaged, and for the better Sorts of either, from twelve to thirteen and fourteen Current Pagodas ℔ Pecul. You'l please to Observe Sirs that it has been recommended to me and Mr. Muriell by the deputy Governour and Council of Fort Marlborough to Attempt this Affair, as a Point the Company have at Heart, that Mr. Duff is encouraged to the Undertaking by his Reading of the Honble Company's Orders relating to it, And my Assurances that if his Teas are sweet and good, not musty, or damaged, And Answer Muster, you'l purchase them upon the Company's Terms and Prices to account for Mr. Muriell's not having joyn'd with me in this, I must Acquaint you that I have not communicated the Affair to him for Reasons which I shall impart at Home, and cannot entrust to Paper, But to do Justice to Mr. Muriell I must inform You that my Reasons Are not Such as reflect any thing upon the Honour, And Integrity of that Gentlemen, but however they are such as I hope, and expect, will be approved of. I heartily wish you uninterrupted Success in this, and all other our Honble Masters Affairs, and am

WORSH^{L}. SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servant

ROBERT JN^{O}. HARRISON.

CANTON DECEMBER THE 24TH. 1747.

P.S. I must observe to you Gentlemen, that the cheapest Teas if Sweet &c^{a}. are most wanted.

R.I.H.

N^{o}. 28

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We address'd Your Honour &c^{a}. the 26th. Jan^{ry}. ℔ Winchelsea and the 28th. ℔ Phienix since which we have only to Acknowledge receipt of the Duplicate of your Favour of the 16th. January with the inclosed Invoices.

We hear Cojee Namatulla the New Nabob is Arrived at Rajahmundrum And since gone to Peddapore tis reported he intends for this Country.

Our Investment goes on well but Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will please to observe the low State of our Cash, and Mr. Andrews has this month drawn upon us for R^{s}. 6000. After which we shall have barely Sufficient for the Curr^{t}. Expences, We hope Your Honour &c^{a}. will not forget us, we are likewise exceedingly in want of All manner of Stores and have not Broad Cloth Sufficient to Answer the demand that will be shortly made on us by the Nabob.

A parcel of damaged Embossd Cloth has been in the Warehouse for Several Years Mr. Prince can inform You of its bad condition, We believe it would be best to sell it at outcry for the Most it will fetch.

Inclosed are our Cash and Paymasters Accounts with Diarys for the months of January & February We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants

VIZAGAPATAM
6TH. MARCH 1748/9.

THOMAS SAUNDERS
JOHN CHURCHEY
SAML. BANKS

No. 29

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I take this Opportunity of the Snow Pheenix Commanded by James Archer to send Your Honr. &ca. 200 Bales of Cloth that were left here by the Winchelsea, Inclos'd is Invoice and Bill of Lading for the Same. I was obliged to half Wash three Bales of the fine Cloth being very much Damaged, which have turned out very well excepting 10 Pieces that had several holes in them & have been mended.

It was the Opinion of the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam that these Bales wou'd be Acceptable when ever An Opportunity offer'd of sending them to your Honour &ca. which made me willing to Embrace the Present, and therefore I hope it will meet with Your Approbation.

I am with all possible Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most obedient Humble Servant

INGERAM
THE 5TH. MARCH 1748/9.

ROBERT GOODERE.

INDENT OF SUNDRYS WANTING AT INGERAM SETTLEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1749.

	Pieces	
Broad Cloth Super fine Scarlet	2	
Broad Cloth Fine Scarlet	4	
Emerald Green Fine	1	
Aurora	1	
Fine Yellow	1	
	—	9 Pieces.
Wood Oil	1	Jarr
Tarr	2	Barrells
Gunpowder	1	Do.
	lb.	
Red Led	10	
	md.	
White Led	1	
	lb:	
Hartall	10	
2 pound Shott	100	
½ pound Do.	100	

Coils of Europe from 6 Inches to one Inch of each one Coil.

INDENT FOR SUCH THINGS AS WHERE OMITTED IN THE ABOVE.

Hollands Duck	6 Bolts
Pump Nails	2 lb.
Scupper Nails	2 lb.
Pump Leather	½ Back.
Iron	5 Candy
Led	1 Do.
Steel	1 md.

lb
In the Room of 100 two pound Shott as mentioned Above only 1 Shott.

ROBERT GOODERE.

N°. 30

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your favour of the 19th. February did not come to hand till the 9th. & the Duplicate thereof the 11th. Instant, before which time I had taken upon me to Dispatch the Pheenix Snow to your Honour &ca. with those Bales the Winchelsea left here, and if your letter had Arriv'd in time I am sorry to say I could have sent you but a very few Bales of my Cloth by reason the Merchants have brought in such vile Stuff since my being here that I have been Oblig'd to turn best part of it upon their hands; They promise to amend the quality & make a Considerable Investment by December next which so soon as there is any hopes of I shall not fail to Advise You, at present I can only Assure Your Honr. &ca. that they shall not want for all the encouragement that is in my Power to give them.

Inclosed is Duplicate Letters Invoices & 2d. Bills of Lading for the Goods sent ℔ Winchelsea and Pheenix also a Copy of my former Indent with an Addition for such things as were before omitted which I hope you will Comply with, & believe me to be with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

INGERAM — Your most Obedient humble servant

THE 15TH. MARCH 1748/9 — ROBERT GOODERE.

N°. 31

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since our last of the 11th. Instant ℔ Princiss Augusta We received Your Honour &cas. Favours of the 9th. Instt. ℔ Fort William and Hawke Sloop. Lieutenant Sanderson with the Military under his Command is Arrived.

We are now landing the Treasure ℔ the Hawke sloop and shall Advise You when Surveyed how it turns out.

It is with Pleasure that We Observe that Our Honble Masters Ship the Pelham is safe Arrived at your Presidency as also the Treasure ℔ Tartar Pink which you are now coining into Rupees and intend sending us by good sea Conveyances as they Offer.

The Somersett will sail hence in a few Days and We are to desire Your Honour &ca. will put on board her Ten Chests of Bullion for China Agreable to our Honble Masters Directions.

Your Honour &c^{a}. are pleased to Observe the Rice sent you ℔ Porto Bello and True Briton turns out extremely bad & inferiour to what brought by the Country Ships We Assure You it was the best August Rice procurable here and purchased much cheaper than any that was bought by the private Merchants.

We shall give Your Presidency Credit for the Amount of the Disbursements on the Hawke Sloop.

Our Hoñble Masters Packet ℔ Tartar and Pelham We have received.

We are sorry to observe that You can say nothing to the Cargoe of the Ship taken last Year belonging to Ballasore as M^{r}. Kelsall Resident there meets with many Obstacles in the Companys Business on that Account & We fear it will Occasion further Trouble to their Affairs.

By the Royal George & Rhoda We have received Lead & Iron of which when weighed off We shall Advice You further.

This waits on You by the Hoñble Companys Ships the Rhoda and Royal George on whom We have laden Rice as ℔ Invoices and Bill of Lading inclosed in their Respective Packetts [*sic*] and Are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most humble servants

FORT WILLIAM
28TH. FEB^{RY}. 1748/9.

WILLIAM BARWELL
&c^{t}. Council

LIST OF PACKET ℔ PRINCESS AUGUSTA TO FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

No. 1. General Letter to the President & Council at Fort S^{t}. David, dated the 9th. of February 1748/9.
2. Invoice of Sundries Laden on Princess Augusta.
3. Invoice of Packing Stuff Laden on D^{o}.
4. Invoice of Stores laden on D^{o}.
5. Bills of Lading for Sundries laden on D^{o}.
6. Acco^{t}. Coral remaining in the Import Warehouse 1748/9.

N^{o}. 32

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote You last ℔ Ships Royal George and Rhoda.

We now dispatch this Ship to Your place to deliver the stores on board for his Majestys Squadron and proceed to China.

The Griffin arrived here Yesterday the Treasure You have sent us on that ship is not Yet landed but that ℔ Hawke Sloop has turned out right.

M^{r}. Speck who has left us in order to proceed to Your place has requested that his Salary from the 29th. September last and this months pay may be Advanced him, at your place with which we beg You will Comply.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most humble Servants

FORT WILLIAM
2^{D}. MARCH 1748/9.

WILLIAM BARWELL.
GEORGE PATTLE.
ADAM DAWSON.
HUM: BELLAMY.
WILLIAM KEMPE.
EDWARD EYLES.
WILL: FYTCH.
ROGER DRAKE.

N°. 33

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote you last under the 24th. Ultimo ℔ Pattamar Duplicate of which was at the same time forwarded by a Boat to Tellicherry and it's Triplicate comes enclosed and are now to Acknowledge receipt of your Honour &cas. Favours of the 23d. 29th. & 30th. January last.

Agreeable to Your Desire You will now receive An attested Copy of the Invoice of Madeira Wine transmitted hither by Messrs. Chambers & Baker on Ship Durrington also one Bill of Lading of every Ship they sent wine on except that abovementioned and the Streatham.

The Doddington Arrived at Cochin about the 4th. of last month but having upwards of seventy of her Crew down of the Scurvy the Comr. was Obliged to lay there a few days, but as two of the Company's Cruizers would be at Tellicherry about that Time, we expect they will have Afforded her Sufficient Assistance to bring her up hither in Safety.

Having lately received from the Agent & Council at Gombroon an Extract of Europe News we enclose Your Honour &ca. Copy thereof.

His Majesty's Ships Exeter and Eltham sailed hence the 8th. Instant for Surat and the Harwick lately hove down is preparing to follow them with all Expedition.

The Oxford & Colchester were dispatched fully loaden on the 7th. Ulto. from Tellicherry to Great Britain.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most humble Servants

Bombay Castle
The 12th. March 1748/9.

William Wake.
William West.
Thomas Lane.
Chas. Crommelin.
Hugh Symmons.

N°. 34

To the Honourable Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the Success Galley Captain Thomas Barton, who arrived here the 23d. January, We received Your Honrs. &ca. Letter, bearing Date the 13th. Ulto. with the enclosed Copies of others, and his Majesty's Proclamation, as Specifyed therein.

We are glad to hear of the speedy Dispatch which is intended to be given the Princess Augusta; and hope she will be with Us in due Time.

The Scarcity of Rice and the Liklihood of it's continuing so, induce Us to Apply to Your Honour &ca. to be remitted a Quantity by the first Opportunity.

For these Five Months past the contagious Distemper of the Small Pox has been very fatal Amongst Us, having carried off several Covenanted Servants, Military, many of the Honble Company's slaves, and great Numbers of the Mallays; the Consequences thereof evidently Appeared last Season by a Consederable Decrease of Pepper; And the Disease still spreading both to the Northward and

Southward of this place give Us fearful Apprehensions, that their Honours Investments will yet greatly suffer thereby, especially since We have but very little Encouragement of reaping a Sufficiency to comply, only, with the next Storeships Charter party Tonnage.

The Dutch at Padang have of late caused Us much Uneasiness by their Arbitrary Behaviour in making Reprisals of Two Praws and their Cargoes Amounting to the Value of near ℔ 12000 Twelve Thousand Spanish Dollars at first cost, the Sole Property of a Chinaman here, and in massacreing [*sic*] their whole Company's to the number of thirty seven in a most flagitious and inhuman Manner without Shewing the least Regard to our Passes, which were with the utmost Disdain torn to Pieces upon their immediately being produced These Praws were embarked on a trading Voyage to Sinkel, Pooloo Nias and Natal at the former of which Places the Crime was perpretrated [*sic*] and notwithstanding We have sued for Satisfaction We find no probability of gaining it.

A Little after the above Incident a private Vessel, called the Brigantine Fanny, was also sent to several Ports, entirely independent of any Nation, to the Northward of us on a mercantile Expedition; But the Gentlemen of Padang, procuring Intelligence, directed a Country Vessel to pursue her in order to deliver the Master a Protest, which no sooner performed than the Brigg was obliged by it's Unjust and most haughty Threats to return hither " ere any Part of her Cargoe was Offered to sale which has been a manifest Prejudice to the Owners.

As these Procedures of the Dutch are more amply set forth in their protest, and the Letters We forwarded to Padang and Batavia on these Occasions, (Copies whereof are enclosed) We humbly crave Your Honours Reference thereto.

We have also now wrote to Admiral Boscawen on the Aforesaid Heads, wherein We requested his Protection from the Insults of that Nation; and at the same time hinted to him, the Indignities, offered our Hoñble Masters in debarring them the Trade of Banjar Masseen, which the Inhabitants would gladly renew if countenanced by the English.

Captain John Stevens, Commander of the Goldolphin, Arrived in our Road the 24th. of September, and when the Pepper at this Place and the Northward was transported on board him the Ship proceeded to Manna with 269 Tons the 11th. of January, from whence the Resident was Ordered to Dispatch her for England, but a few Days ago We had Advices, She was not yet Loaded Occassion'd by the Inclemency of the Wheather [*sic*] and the Shallowness of the Bar, which would not permit the Boats to go off; so that she will meet with about a Weeks Detention beyond the Limits of her Charterparty Term.

The Sloops Louisa and Mary were sent in Novr. last to Pooloo Pesang to bring up the Pepper of it's Districts, where, the latter was loaded and sometime after safely imported at Manna. The former was drove by Stress of weather, as We imagine, to Batavia, having had no Information of her Arrival at any of the Oute Residencies.

We shall Add Nothing further at present, since We expect to Address Your Honour &ca. by the Princess Augusta with a more Prolix Account of Our Transactions.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Obedient humble. Servt.

JOSEPH HURLOCK
JOHN MASSEY
CHARLES SMITH

FORT MARLBRO.

JANUARY YE. 30TH. 1748. 1749

To the Worshl. the Governour & Council
of Padang.

Worshl. Sir & Sirs

We might very justly be taxed with very great Neglect of Duty to our Honble Masters, were We to Omit the first Opportunity of taking proper Cognisance by this publick Remonstrance of a Cruelty lately committed by the Master of a Panchallong belonging to Your Place, a Cruelty not only repugnant to all Laws, as well Human as Divine, but also a Manifest Breach of a Most Solemn Treaty, Subsisting between Our respective Sovereigns.

The Case is very Authentically related to Us by the only Person who had the good Fortune to Escape the Villanous Hands, of those who Acted a Part in that too Tragical Scene. Which was as follows.

Between five & six Months Ago, two Praws, the property of a Chinaman here residing under our Protection, sailed on a Voyage from hence to Sinkell, to which Place, as it is a Free port, the Owner had an undoubted Right to send them, & for their better security the Deputy Governour, gave each of the Masters his Pass or Licence, which ought Always to be Deemed Sacred by all Nations at Peace with each other Notwithstanding this, about three Months ago the Master of the Panchallong abovementioned, who was a Dutch man, went forcibly with his People, Composed of Sundry Nations, on board the said Praws, & demanded the Masters passes, which were immediately Presented him, upon sight thereof he with Disdain, first broke the Honble Company's Large Seals, which were thereunto fixed, tore the Passess to Piecess, threw them Overboard; & then in cold blood Massacreed both the Praws Companys to the Number of Thirty Seven Men, that being Accomplished he Carried or ordered the said Vessels with their Cargoes, Amounting to near the Sum of Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Spanish Dollars into Padang, where We are informed they now Lay.

In behalf of their Owners We hereby Demand immediate restitution, & Ample Satisfaction for the Loss of so many Mens Lives, as also for all Costs & Damages the Owner has, or may Sustain by your Detention of the Said Vessels, & are greatly Surprized at your not Advising Us of this Affair long ago, the more so as You cannot Plead Ignorance by way of Excuse.

We shall be indispensibly obliged to represent this unjustifiable proceeding to the General & Council of Batavia, as also to Admiral Boscawen & by his means to his Britannick Majesty, as well as to the Honble English East India Company who have by this Barbarous transaction been offered the highest Indignity, & give Us leave to Acquaint Your Worship &ca. that Men inclinable to Project or Capable of Committing an Act of this Sort are unworthy the Name of Human.

This is not the first insult by many that has been offered to Passes granted to People under our Protection, by Masters of Vessels belonging to Your Port, which We are inclinable to think the Honble Netherlands East India Company are entirely unacquainted of.

About Six Weeks ago a small Dutch Sloop bound from Batavia for your Place, had the Misfortune to run ashore at one of our Northern Settlements & was lost, but by the Assistance of our Resident there, the Men were all saved with their Pacquet, which was immediately forwarded Overland to Your Worship &ca. Council.

We require an immediate Answer to this our Letter by the Hands of those You will receive it, they being employed by us for that Purpose.

We are

Worshipl. Sir & Sirs

Your Humble Servants

Joseph Hurlock
John Massey
Charles Smith

Fort Marlbrough

December the 12th. 1748.

PROTEST in the Name and Behalf of the Hoñble Netherlands East India Company, sent inform by Serjeant Lasper Lapping to the Captain and his Officers, on Board the English Vessel, named [*lacuna*] by Christian Elsevier Governour of Padang &c^{a}. Council, on the West Coast of Sumatra.

As by certain Intelligence, We have received, We hear that Your Vessel lays at Anchor near, or at the Island of Priamong; You are therefore Hereby causioned, Althô the [*sic*] We believe you cannot plead Ignorance that Since the Sovereign, Inhabitants of this Country, under whose Dominion the District of Priamong belongs, as well as the Princes of the other Places along the West Coast of Sumatra; together with the Adjacent Islands, are by Successive Contracts from Ancient Times, the Right of the Hoñble Netherlands East India Company whom they decreed to enjoy Lawfully and deemed them sole Protector thereof, having bound themselves especially within Bounds of their respective Jurisdictions and bordering Islands to accept of no other Nation to trade with their Subjects, than the Aforesaid Company and their Substitutes, who are in full possession and Masters of the West Coast of Sumatra and the above mentioned Islands not only thrô strength of Contracts but by Lawful Arms.

These Sensible Motives oblige Us to maintain the Rights of our Lords and Masters as by Oath We are bound to do as also to regulate every Disorder with all the force our Power is capable to Afford.

Further in the name of the HONBLE Netherlands EAST INDIA COMPANY We Strictly give You warning upon Sight of this to way Your Anchor immediately and proceed some where else beyond the Companys Limits: protesting by Disobedience of this our sincer and friendly Advice to Acquit ourselves, from all Damage and Molestation which of Course will thereby ensue in Your persisting to infringe on the previledge of our Aforesaid Company as of all Differences, Enlargements and, Consequence arising from Such Your Usurpation, In case you Should proceed in your outrageous Commerce and Progress, We shall not fail to execute the Orders given us by our Lords and Masters, having understood the true Natire [*sic*] of this Affair Let all be at your Perils.

TO THE WORSHIP^{L}. THE GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL OF PADANG.

WORSHIP^{L}. SIR & SIRS

The threatning Protest which by Your orders was Delivered to the Master of the Brigg Fanny & signed by you, We have most Carefully perused and shall as explicitly reply thereto, wherefore this Affair most Essentially requires Your Attention, Althô our Amazment [*sic*] is as great as the Affair is extraordinary.

Can any We say under the Auspicious Names of Allies, Act so contrary to the Treaties Subsisting between our two Nations & so reverse to the Laws thereof, as you have done in many of your late Proceedings, & Lately in regard to the Aforesaid Vessel whc had not only our Pass, But We presume as Free a Liberty to trade in these Seas, as even any belonging to Your selves but our Admiration Almost ceases When We reflect on the most Unhappy and Cruel Fate, which attended two Praws Company's that went from hence on a trading Voyage to Sinkell. & perpetrated thereby Some of Your Dependance, this We have Already represented to you and the Topick gives Us to much uneasiness to make repetitions where We have so little reason to Expect either Humanity or Redress, these unheard off Preceedents have however taught Us experience, by giving way to more Distinct & Regular Considerations, which will never We hope fail to be Assisted by the Arguments of others, and a through [*sic*] observation of the Sentiments of all for every one who is the Least Susceptible of his Rights and Priviledges being infringed upon, will no doubt make it his Study to Fly from so eminent a Oppression, and our Hoñble Masters who want not Discernment to perceive their Own in Danger, when Measures are offered contrary to their Honour and pernicious to their Interest, will easily be Induced to resentment, & Suffer themselves to be as far Biassed by the Desire of preventing Disgrace as of Assuaging it.

In Your Protest as you are pleased to Stile it, You seem Gentlemen to Lord it to much over Us, by Your Unjust & Arbitrary Claims to Engross the whole trade all along the West Coast of Sumatra, & the Adjacent Islands, under the Simple Shadow of Successive Contracts from ancient times Concluded between the Agents of the Hoñble Netherlands East India Company and the Monarchs of the several Districts of this Coast, & therefore call Yourselves the only & Lawful Protector of this Part of India, if these Remonstrances of Yours have any weight of truth in them, it would have been friendly to have pointed out proper Limits so should We then have no Longer Cause to Dispute the Validity of them, but instead of this You argue quite Contrary to reason & Justice or why are you remiss in Reminding Us of Your Just Pretentions.

A Representation having been made to Us by the Owners of the Brigantine Fanny, Setting forth the Losses they Are likely to Sustain, by Your interrupting them in a voyage to Priamong, & having Seriously Considered the Merits of the said Representation We could not in Equity or Duty to our Hoñble Masters whose Rights & Authority have been We Apprehend Violated by such an unwarrantable Proceedure, nor in Justice to ourselves (greatly thereby injured) Defer offering our Judgment to You on so important an Event, which may perhaps in its Tendencies become the subject matter of Memorials, to be presented to our Respective sovereigns between whom at this Juncture there Subsists the Perfectest Amity, so ought their Subjects to do every thing in their Power to preserve & Cultivate an Harmony, so beneficial to the Interest of Both, nor are We on our Part Conscious of having ever Acted (since the Management of our Hoñble Masters Affairs here has devolved upon Us) in any instance Contrary to the Law of nations or infringed knowingly on rights belonging to the Netherlands East India Company, or their Servants, & in the Present Case We have all the Justice to Plead on our side, as Circumstances can Possibly require.

You cannot but be Sensible that the Monarchs of these Eastern Nations, have as just Claims to Indepency, [*sic*] & as well Founded a Power to make what Treaties they Please, with Foreigners, & as Tenacious of their Rights & Properties as European Monarchs. In Virtue whereof the King of Manang Cabow has by several Letters to the Leading Men here, Invited the English either to settle or Trade with him & his People Alledging he having no Contract with the Dutch, that he was intirely Independent of them, & further that he would enter into no Treaty with them on any Consideration whatever, This We conclude to be a Sufficient Vindication of our Conduct, & granting the Hoñble Company's Pass to a Vessel sent thither to trade with him, But if it should be made Appear in the Negative by incontestable Proffs, that the said Prince has since the Difference which Subsisted between him and the Dutch entered in Consequence thereof into an Agreement to Commerce only with the Dutch, exclusive of other Nations. We shall be ready to Acknowledge our mistake Althô. it was incumbent on You to Notify such Treaties to us, but We have lately had Substantial reasons to Guess at your extraordinary Behaviour, with respect to our Settlement, because You seem to lay it down as a first Principal that all the Places where We send our Vessels, even to Nuetral [*sic*] Ports you pretend a Prior Right under the Cover of some Treaty which is a mighty easy way to obtain an Universal Trade, & subject all mankind to your Dominions in Mercantile Concerns We cannot help further remarking that had our Ancesstors made use of such Pretexts, which We imagine they had good Title to their Successors would now be in Possession of Colonies usurped by others.

It will not We flatter ourselves be Supposed the Effect of Disregard to the Hoñble Netherlands Company or Malevolence to their Servants that We are indispensibly obliged to stand in our own Defence, being publickly involved by your Indignities & Gross abuses, which have been of too long Duration, & We believe without the Knowledge of your Principals You don't surely imagine Us to be Vassals, subordinate to your will & Pleasure, or that We shall any Longer brook Your ill Treatment, in a Word, all our Future Actions shall show, that it is out of your Power & even at your Peril to Diminish the least Part of our Rights and Properties, which we shall in a fair Way pursue as usual.

By a Letter We have Received from our Hoñble Masters, We have strict injunctions to Extend their Limits when Evident for their Interest to all Places unpossessed by European Powers, In pursuit of which notwithstanding your Threats, our King & Parliment are Resolved to Stand by them & maintain them in their full Rights & priviledges in India, this Intelligence We were ordered to Communicate to your Superious [*sic*] on the first Occasion, & We deem this to be a proper one with the Difference that We are only imparting it to a Subordinancy, they moreover intimate the Countenance promised their Affairs by his Majesty's Fleet now in India under the Command of the Hoñble Edward Boscawen Admiral.

To all this We further add our firm resolution to pursue the Indulgence of our Private Trade to all Ports not under the Inspection of the Dutch as Priamong Nattal, & Sinkell Are not in Consequence whereof We are influenced to make a Suitable return to your Protest, By now Protesting in Behalf of the Hoñble East India Company, & ourselves against you for all Lett Hindrance or Molestation whatever in your Opposing our Indisputable Right of Traffick in these Seas, & for all Costs Damages & Delays that have or may happen, or hereafter Ensue, by such Your Collusive Practices.

Your Worship &c^{a}. will please to observe that We have hitherto upon every occasion, endeavoured to Cultivate the good Harmony subsisting between the Hoñble Netherlands East India Company, & our Hoñble Employers by Shewing with the utmost Alacrity & readiness to serve & oblige the Commanders of Dutch Ships, When called upon for Assistance even to our own prejudice, & are very sorry for the Cause of our taking Notice, of the unsuitable return You have made.

We are

WORSHIP^{L}. SIR & SIRS

Your humble Servants

FORT MARLBROUGH
JANUARY THE 12TH. 1748.

JOSEPH HURLOCK.
JOHN MASSEY.
CHARLES SMITH.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONBLE
GUSTAVUS WILLIAM BARON VAN IMHOFF,
GOVERNOUR GENERAL FOR ALL AFFAIRS
OF THE HONBLE NETHERLANDS EAST
INDIA COMPANY, & TO THE HONOURABLE
THE COUNCIL OF BATAVIA.

RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR
& HONOURABLE SIRS

The indignities which our Hoñble Masters, as well as ourselves have been Offered of late from the Gentlemen of Padang, are so many, that it would Justly be Deemed the highest Stupidity, were We any longer to Neglect shewing a Suitable resentment, by first representing them to Your Excellency, & Your Honours, where if they should be debarred of the desired Satisfaction, we shall then have nothing else to do, but to Sue for Justice from them, who are capable & ready to Afford it Us,.

What offence have We committed that the Governour & Council of Padang, Should Contrary to the Laws of Treaties Subsisting between our two Nations make Piratical reprisals of our Vessels when Sent to Neutral Ports to Traffick, as was the treatment of two Praws, bound in June & July Last from hence to Sinkell, Pooloo Nias & Natall, at the former of which places they were Seized with all their Merchandize, Amounting to near Twelve Thousand Spanish Dolars, by a Panct—allong well manned, & Commanded by a Dutch Man, who After he had Disdainfully broke the HONBLE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANYS Seals & tore their Passes to Pieces most inhumanly ordered both the Praws Companys to be massacreed, to the Number of Thirty Seven Men, which was soon Perpetrated in so Vile & Barefaced a manner, without reflecting upon Moral or Divine Laws instituted for

the benefit of all, We say that if these Cruelties and Injustices are Suffered to be passed over with impunity & Ample restitution Neglected to be rendered back to the Owner, for all Losses & Damages he may Sustain thereby, We shall Judge that no Solemn Contract, is of Sufficient force to bind those, who would trecherously Concert Against the Principal Foundation of its Laws.

Upon Advice of the Above Relation We wrote a Letter to the Chiefs of Padang, expressing our great astonishment at their late Arbitrary Proceedings, & requiring the full Value of what clandestinely Seized to be immediately returned. But by the Answer We Since Received they Notifyed, that it would be Agreable to them to lay our Loud Complaints before Your Excellency & your Honours, at the same time mentioned that they did not doubt on their own Parts to give Sufficient Grounds & reasons for their taking the Aforesaid Vessels, which are now in their Custody.

These Gentlemen must certainly be influenced by the rule of Sophistical Logik, if they Pretend to Clear themselves of the Guilt of Such a Breach of the Law of Nations, We cannot help speaking Our Sentiments, Since so many of Our Pass Ports have been so reproachfully used, & regarded by the Dutch as Null & of no Effect, & our Rights & Priveledges in India thereby greatly infringed upon, of which We have hitherto omitted to take proper Cognisance, lest We should Disturb and Embroil the Tranquility reignidry [*sic*] betwixt our respective Sovereigns, Your Excellency & Your Hon^{rs}. will however perceive, We are at Last roused out of a Lethargy, which has been of a long Standing, & this enforces Us to Confess that many of the Gross Abuses, We formerly received, from Your Adherents Crowd in at once on our Imaginations & call for our hearty endeavours to Employ the Sense We have, in putting a stop to them in Due Season.

A Brigantine Called the Fanny belonging to this place, having been Also Sent on a Voyage by the Owners in the Month of October, to Priamong Nattal & Sinkell, which We undoubtedly presume are Free & Open Ports, & Obsolutely [*sic*] independant of any Nation (the Dutch excepted) We were again Surprized to find the Governour & Council of Padang Still persisted in their unjust resolutions of depriving Us of a Free Liberty of Commerce along the West Coast of Sumatra, Althô not in their Terrtories [*sic*] now under their Protection by the perusal of a Haughty Protest delivered the Master of the Brigg, & Signed by the Abovesaid Gentlemen, declaring if he failed to Obey the Contents) which imported his proceeding Directly out of their Dominions, to some other Place, they Should indispensibly be obliged, as Lawful Protectors of India to follow the Instructions received from their Lords & Masters, which they pretended would Acquit them from all Infringments, Enlargements & Consequences &^{a}. that would infallibly Accrue in Non Compliance with the said Protest, so that the Vessel returned hither, without the Opportunity of disposing of any Part of her Cargoe, to the great Detriment of the Owners.

By the perusing two Letters Copies of which come under Cover, forwarded to Padang in Answer to the Protest &c^{a}. remitted Us from thence, Your Excellency & your Honours will be pleased to Observe the Orders, We lately received from our Honourable Employers, in regard to extending their Limits, & a more Distinct Account of the Brigg & two Praws, which has Cost Us so much uneasiness.

We beg Leave to Assure Your Excellency & Your Honours, that We wish for nothing more then these Differences to be speedily Accommodated in a just and Friendly manner, & that if it were possible a Strict Harmony might Yet be Kept up, to the Honour & Advantage of both Companys.

We are,

Right Honourable Sir
& Honourable Sirs

Your most humble Servants

Fort Marlbrough
January the 30th. 1748.

Joseph Hurlock.
John Massey.
Charles Smith.

TO THE HONOURABLE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS
OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE

We cannot omit adressing Your Honours in a Separate Letter upon a most disagreeable Subject, and Since it concerns in a great measure the Welfare of your Hon^rs. Establishments on this Coast and the Credit, power and Authority of the HONBLE COMPANY as well as the Indulgence of our own private Commerce, We could not resist the Temptation of impartially representing the Occasion in the Light it bears.

In June and July last a Chinaman residing here under your HONOURS protection sollicitating [*sic*] the Deputy Governour to grant him a Pass or Licence for two Praws, his own property, bound on a trading Voyage to Sinkall Pooloo Nias & Natal, which are free and Open ports to the Northward of this place, and entirely independant of any Nation whatever, His request being reasonable it was permitted But a few Months After to our vast Astonishment, a Mallay man, belonging to one of the Said Praws returned in a very main'd [*sic*] Condition, with the Melancholy News that a Vessel well manned had forcibly Seized them, and Sent on that purpose from Padang; the Master thereof was a Dutchman, and his Crew composed of Sundry Nations, and that notwithstanding our Passes were produced and delivered on immediate demand, the Said Dutchman thereupon with the utmost Scorn & derision broke the HONBLE COMPANYS Seals Affexed [*sic*] to them, tore to Peices and threw the Passes over Board, bound the whole Crews Company in Fetters, and with all the Seeming Coolness and Serenity of mind orderd them to be brought Severally upon the Deck, and most inhumanly Slain before him to the Number of thirty Seven Souls (Inhabitants here) being quite void of the Sence of Pity, or the pangs of remorse, to upward his Consience with these unlawful and wicked Deeds concerted against those whose fortune Deserved a better Fate, than to be massacred in so vile and barefaced a manner, especially too, by those who pretend to keep up and cultivate the Strict Friendship and Amity Subsisting betwixt our two Nations, and who boast so mightily of Adhering to the Laws thereof; so soon as they had perpretrated [*sic*] this Barbarity and tragical Scene of Sloughter, [*sic*] they insolently carryed both the Praws and Cargoes amounting to near twelve thousand Dollars to Padang, where they are Still detained, And protected, and no Account rendered Us from thence of this Arbitrary and unaccountable Procedure: We however forwarded an immediate Express thither, requiring full Restitution for all Damages and Injuries the Owner is like to Sustain through these means and if ample Satisfaction is not made, it will not a little deminish [*sic*] the HONBLE COMPANY'S Power and Authority here in the Opinion of the China and Mallay Merchants, who frequently were sending their small Vessels to traffick along the Coast under the protection of your Honours Pass; these Audacious Circumstances having already been a Motive for Umbrage to Some, and Discontentment to others, of the Dutch Company's being Superiour to that of the English, or more valiant and strong by lawful Force of Arms, which oblige us they Suppose to put up with their manifold Indignities; and We are really concerned to know ourselves incapable of remedying so great an Evil.

The Above said Person who just brought us this unhappy Intelligence made a very narrow and Surprising Escape, having received Several Stabs with the Weapons of the Dutch, which were deemed Mortal, and thereupon cast into the Sea; but finding his Wounds not very painful he endeavour'd to save himself bye Sevimming [*sic*] the Dutchman then perceiving his Mistake that he was not dead, gave further Directions to fire on him in the Water, whereby he had the Misfortune of a Musquet Ball's purcing [*sic*] thrô both his Cheeks, nevertheless he reached the Shore and made the best of his way to Marlbrô as before related: He is Since pretty well recovered, tho' this Disaster has caused a great Impediment in his Speech which will always Afford him time and Opportunity enough to reflect upon the cruel Disposition of the Dutch before We were acquainted with the Seizure of the two Praws, a Brigg named the Fanny, was fitted out belonging to Some

Gentlemen here and sent upon a trading Voyage to Pryamong Natal Sinkal &c[a]. but she was obliged, to the great Loss of the Owners, (altho' those too are neutral Ports) to return back without disposing of any Part of her Cargo, being manaced [*sic*] to be also made a Reprisal, in Consequence to a most haughty Protest dated at Padang, and expressly Deliver'd to the Master of the Brigg setting forth that if he did not upon the very sight of it weigh his Anchor and proceed out of their Territories as (they Stiled them) they thereby Acquitted themselves from all Prejudices that might ensue from our persisting to infringe on their Rights and Properties in mercantile Affairs, which they said extended along the West Coast of Sumatra, and the adjacent Islands, under the Colour of Successive Contracts from Ancient Times concluded between the Agents of the Netherlands East India Company and the Monarchs of the Several Distrects [*sic*] of this Coast, and therefore called themselves the only & Lawful Protector of India.

In Answer to the Said Protest We imparted to them Your Honours Sentiments in the 18[th]. Paragraph ... of the General Letter ℔ Grantham, because We thought this Juncture was Applicable to our Duty and fulfilling your Honours Pleasure.

With all due Submission We humbly request Your Honours will not defer Seriously to peruse the Dutch protest with our Reply thereto; as also a Letter we wrote to the Gentlemen of Padang when We were informed of the Massacre committed at Sinkall; Copies of these are enclosed in the Pacquet.

By the first Conveyance We hope to have the Satisfaction to hear Your Honours have taken our case into Consideration, and found out Some proper Method to curb the Insolence of the Dutch lest their Ambition Should lead them to so exorbitant an Height as to look upon us no Longer worthy to be their Neighbours, Such may possibly be the End if they continue to lay Claim to all Your Honours Investm[ts]. to the Southward of this Place, and make Repetitions of what they have before told us that even Bencoolen it Self was not out of Criticism.

We are

HONOURABLE

FORT MARLBROUGH.
JANUARY THE 19[TH]. 1748/9.

Your Faithful Servants
JOSEPH HURLOCK.
JOHN MASSEY.
CHARLES SMITH.

N°. 35

TO THE WORSHIP[L]. CHARLES FLOYER ESQ[R].
GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL OF FORT S[T]. DAVID.

WORSH[L]. SIR & SIRS

1. Our last Letter was by the Grantham Captain Wilson dated 26[th]. May 1747, which we hope you have received.

2. The Honble Company have been pleased to appoint Captain David Hunter to be their Lieutenant Governour here, who Arrived the 30[th]. May last.

3. We desire You will Send for the use of the Island twelve Maunds good, wax Candles, thirty pieces fine Long Cloth of About twelve Pagodas ℔ Piece thirty pieces of about Eight Pagodas ℔ piece, one hundred pieces of about four Pagodas ℔ piece, One hundred Mens fine Shirts of about ten Shillings each, and the rest of the One ℔ Cent in Arrack Rice and Paddy.

Enclosed is the Annual List of the Arrival and Departure of Ships, at and from this place.

We are

WORSHIPL. SIR & SIRS

Your Most Humble Servants

ST. HELENA
11TH. JUNE 1748.

CHARLES HUTCHINSON.
DAVID HUNTER.
JOHN CLARK.

LIST OF THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF SHIPS TO AND FROM ST. HELENA FROM THE 4TH. DECEMBER 1747 TO THE JUNE 1748 VIZT.

Ships Names.	Commanders.	Arrival.	Departure.
Kent	William Robson	.. 4th. Dec . 1747	.. 1st. February 1747
Severn	Joseph Collier	.. 9th. Janry. D.	..
Stafford	Felix Baker ..	..	
York	Henry Lascelles	.. 3d. April 1748	.. 24th. April 1748.
Prince Edward ..	Robert Haldane	..	
A Dane Ship called the Crown Prince of Denmark.	Hendrick Faster	.. 4th. D. D:	.. 12th. Do. Do.
Lynn	Charles Gilbert	.. 5th. Do. Do.	..
Norfolk	Nathl. Hencock	..	
Onslow	Thomas Hind	.. 7th. Do. Do.	.. 24th. Do. Do.
Grantham	Walter Wilson	..	
Dragon	Henry Kent ..	.. 8th. Do. D:	..
Saint George ..	Robert Robinson	.. 8th. May D.	.. 9th. June Do.
Godolphin	John Stevens	.. 31st. Do. Do.	..

N.B. May the 3d. 1748 Arrived Eighteen Sail of Dutch Ships from the Cape of Good Hope, under the Command of Admiral Nolthinius, and on the 4th. and 9th. of May Arrived two Dutch Hookers from thence. The Dutch Fleet Sailed the 9th. May, for Holland, and the two Hookers, the 18th. May for the Cape of Good Hope.

No. 36

To THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote You last on the 12th. Ultimo of which the enclosed is Duplicate.

The Brilliant Snow requiring a thorough Repair which She has had not only in her Hull but Masts & Yards as ℔ Account particulars enclosed Amounting to Rupees 6784. 1. 13 for which Your Presidency is debted, we now return her to your Honour &ca. having put on board five hundred Barrells of good Bombay Gunpowder conformable to a Request of Governour Floyer in a Letter to the President as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed Amounting to Rupees 12479. 3. 87.

Governour Floyer having likewise Acquainted the President that a Quantity of Pepper might be of service towards Loading a Ship home we have directed the Gentlemen at Tellicherry to Consign Your Honour &ca. on Ship Elizabeth as much as she can conveniently take in with such Plank or other Stores as have been Indented for the Service of Your Presidency, That is, After She has taken on board Sundry Stores on his Majestys Account.

The Royal Duke will Shortly leave this Place for your Presidency. His Majesty's Ship Exeter is at present in this Port, having left the Harwick & Eltham on the 3d. Instant at Surat Bar.

The Doddington Arrived here on the 28th. Ultimo from Great Britain, And is now taking on board Cotton and Pepper for Canton and will be ordered to call at Tellicherry for what Sandall wood may have been provided for her there.

Conformable to what we wrote Your Honour &ca. in a former Letter, we have with Captain Powletts Permission landed the Honble Company's Iron from the

Ps.	℔	qr.	lb.

Ship Elizabeth being 2379. 3 Bars weighing 1005. 2. 14 for which we have given the Commander a Receipt the Cost of which Your Honour &ca. will please to Advise us, that we may bring it on our Books accordingly, we are also landing what is on board the Royal Duke, the weight of which we Shall duely Advise Your Honour &c. in our Letter by that Ship.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most humble Servts.

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 14TH. APRIL 1749.

WILLIAM WAKE.
&ca. Council.

No. 37

TO THE HONOBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Conformable to what we wrote You in our last of the 15th. Instant ℔ Elizabeth We now consign Your Honour &ca. on this Ship Royal Duke two hundred thirty One Bales of Surat Piece Goods and two hundred Bales of Cotton Amounting as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading Enclosed to Rupees ninety Six thousand eight hundred ninety Six, three qrs. Seventy eight reas (96896. 3. 78) for which Your Presidency Stands debted on our Books.

The Iron landed from this Ship is three thousd. one hundred thirty four Bars & one hundred & Six Pieces weighing One thousand two hundred Weight, eleven

℔	lb

pounds (1200. 11.) for which a Receipt is passed to the Commander in like Manner as was done for the Elizabeth's, and Should there Appear any Short Delivery Your Honour &ca. will please to demand the Same of them, which we cannot tell having neither Invoice nor Bill of Lading.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

BOMBAY CASTLE
APRIL 23D. 1749.

WILLIAM WAKE.
WILLIAM WEST.
CHARLES CROMMELIN.
JAMES HENRY LAMBE.
HUGH SYMMONS.

N°. 38

To THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Just as we had Closed the Accompanying Advices Your Favour of the 2d. Ultimo came to hand.

It Appearing from thence that Your Honr. &ca. had appointed the Winchelsea for performing the Service at Tellicherry which the Elizabeth would otherwise as you will observe by our Advices of Yesterday's Date we now transmit the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry orders to Load on board the Winchelsea all the Pepper Cardamoms And Anjengo Cloth they may have in warehouse as likewise the Masts belonging to his Majesty which the Elizabeth was to have taken on board and as a further Help towards easing the large Tonnage on Your hands we have likewise ordered the Chief and Factors at Anjengo to Consign you on the Elizabeth whatever Cloth and Pepper they may have in readiness; And by the Royal Duke we shall send You from Hence Two hundred & thirty One Bales of Surat Piece Goods being all we have in ware house as also two hundred Bales of Cotton.

The latest Orders we have from the Honourable Company concerning their Ships were received by the Doddington; And Although we doubt not the like were Transmitted by the Pelham to your Presidency Yet As we are not certain we now enclose a Copy of those we have received. whence Your Honour &ca, will doubtless Act therein as may Appear most Consistent for the Honble Company's Benefit, we having thus Sent to Your Presidency All the Goods in Warehouse here as well as the Subordinate Settlemts. excepting only a Reserve of Cotton for the Prince William which Ship must be returned to Bengall.

Agreeable to your Directions we have ordered the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry to send You on the Winchelsea three hundred Candys of Sandall Wood if procureable.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 15TH. APRIL 1749.

Your most humble Servants
WILLIAM WAKE.
WILLIAM WEST.
THOMAS LANE.
CHAS. CROMMLIN.
" " "
JAS. HENRY LAMBE.

COPY—Paragraphs in the Company's General Letter to Bengall dated the 18th. May 1748. ℔ his Majestys Ship Tartor.

Para. 9. We most Strenously recommand it to You to make use of all possible means to dispatch home unto us as many of our Ships as you can, We have this Year Supplied you largely and shall continue so to do by every Opportunity.

10. As for the Ships that cannot be loaden home You must try to let them out upon Freight or Employ them in the Most Advantagious manner in Country Voyages giving them the Preference to all other Ships whatever, having reason to expect that upon the Cessation there will be a great forwardness in the Merchants to Freight upon them.

N°. 39

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council
of Fort S^t^. David.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

A private Vessel being to sail this day hence for Fort S^t^. David and the Bay, gives us an Opportunity of replying to your Letters of the 25^th^. of Feb^ry^. & 3^d^. Inst^t^. the former of which we received the 16^th^. of March and the latter the 20^th^. of this Month.

We were in daily Expectation of Seeing the Winchelsea here & Should Agreeable to Directions have laden on her what Pepper and Plank she could receive, but the Season being far advanced we have given over All hopes of her Appearing now especially Since receipt of Your last Advices.

We are in much doubt whither we shall be able to procure You the Three hundred Candies of Sandal wood wrote for in March last as it is usual here to Advance Money for this Article in the Month of July which was Accordingly done by private Merchants at this Place and Sold to the Maccoa Shipping before receipt of your Advices, besides which we have lately received Directions from Our Superiours at Bombay to procure Two hundred Candies for the Doddingtons China Voyage, but if there is any to be got After making this Provision so as to send round by the expected Shipping we shall take proper care to purchase the same.

The 28^th^. of Feb^ry^. the Cuddalore Sloop arrived with Us from Bombay built for the Service of Your Presidency whom we had Orders to keep untill such time as we thought it necessary to fill her up with Pepper and send her to you, wherefore having asked Advice of Such Commanders of Ships as were then with Us they gave it as their Opinion that we ought not to dispatch her sooner than in the Month of April, during which time the Gentlemen of Anjengo having made a Strenuous Application to us for Rice for the Service of their Garrison we dispatched her with the same to them the 23^d^. Ultimo but having Since had a very severe Gale of Wind which has drove Several Small Craft ashore up and down this Coast we imagine the Same Storm has likewise reached her She not Appearing, and not having had any Advices of her being put into any Place of Security between this and Anjengo nor heard of her loss we are Apt to imagine the Master of her has pushed round to You, as otherwise it is most probable we should have got Notice of her.

The True Briton and Stretham sailed from hence the 2^d^. Ultimo the former having filled up at this Port Agreeable to Your Directions and was joined here by the latter in her Passage home who was dispatched from Bombay.

Captain William Webber in the Prince William joined the Restoration Grab at this Port and sailed for Bombay and Surat the 20^th^. Ultimo the latter having been sent down as low as Cochin to look for him and such other English Vessels as wanted Convoy.

We are in daily Expectation of the Doddingtons Arrival with us from Bombay to be dispatched from hence to China likewise of the Arrival of his Majesty's Ships and Our Hon̄ble Masters under Command of Captain Powlett to whom we shall tender the Timber and Plank for Your Presidency which is all in readiness at this Place and Callicut for Shipping off at a Moments warning. We have nothing further to communicate but our being

Tellicherry, Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

April the 22^d^. 1749. Your most Humble Servants

P.S. We now Enclose a packet for the Hon̄ble President & Council of Bengall which we desire may be forwarded by the first Opportunity.

Thomas Byfeld.
A^r^. Douglas.
John Robinson.
Charles Water.
Richard Secker.

N°. 40

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Cuddalore Sloop having been dispatched by us to Anjengo with Rice for the Service of that Factory as advised you in a former Letter met with a violent Gale of Wind on her proceeding back to Us, which obliged her to stand away again for that Place And it being too late in the Season to freight Vessels down to her with a Loading of Pepper we have given the Master Orders to receive Such Bale Goods &ca. as may be tendered him by the Chief and Factors there and make the best of his way to Your Port.

We have now the Elizabeth Captain Lawrence under Dispatch who Arrived here the 25th. Instant with Directions from Captain Powlett to the Chief to lade on him the pease lying here for his Majestys Service, the Timber & Plank for Your Presidency and as much Pepper as he could take in And by this Evening or to Morrow we shall have put on board Six hundred Candies of Pepper with what Plank we have here and then dispatch him for the remainder to Callicut when he is to proceed to Anjengo for Cables for his Majestys Service and make the best of his way to join the Honble Rear Admiral.

We Shall Adress You again by Him till when we remain.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Tellicherry
April the 27th. 1749.

Your Most Humble Servants
Thomas Byfeld.
Ar. Douglas.
John Robinson.
Charles Water.

N°. 41

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This comes by Cuddalore Sloop which was sent down here in March with Rice for the use of this Garrison & was dispatched the 30th. of the same Month for Tellicherry to have taken in Pepper for Fort St. David, but we had such an Extraordinary Season of N.W. winds that in fourteen days She had not got Ten Leagues to the Northwd. of Anjengo when She met with a Gale of wind which split all her sails & sprung her Mast which obliged her to bear up for Anjengo, where she has been Supplied with every thing needful as provisions &ca.

We immediately informed the Gentlemen at Tellicherry of the Accident & as She was too late to return there we desired they would Send down what Goods they intended to load on board her for your place, Yesterday we received their Answer that the Season is too far elapsed to freight any Pepper down the Coast to putt on board her & we having none in our Warehouse we now give her, her dispatches.

Enclosed you will receive our Pay Masters Accot. of what Stores, provissions &ca. She has had Amounting to Rupees Two hundred & thirty three & Sixty Six Reas (233. 66) for which please to give Bombay Presidency Credit.

We have Advice that the Brillant Snow passed Tellicherry the 25th. Instant which day our Honble Masters Ship Elizabeth imported there to receive Pepper &ca. for Fort St. David & that She wou'd call here to take in some Cables which are ready for the Use of the Kings Ships.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Humble Servants

ANJENGO
THE 2D. MAY 1749.

RICHD. BOURCHIER.
THOMAS PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

N°. 42

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The last time I had the pleasure to Address Your Honour &ca. I acquainted you how little disposed the Merchants were for bringing any Cloth tolerably good, & it concerns me to think I have Still the Same Cause of Complaint against them, they Say it is owing to the great demand there is now made for that Commodity both by the Dutch at Polecoil & Cockanar & the French at Yanam, the latter having advanced their Merchants a little Money for Cloths of 30, 26, 23, 19, & 15. Punjams and give out that they Shall have a large Supply of Cash very Shortly which news has so Affected the Country Weavers that they are quite indifferent about improving the Manufacture unless they could get a better price for their Cloth, & the Merchants for their part declare that their Proffit Arising from the Ordinary Cloth is so very Small they cannot Afford to give the Weavers a better price for it, This makes me doubtful of the Merchants fulfilling their Contract made the beginning of this Month which is to bring in two hundred & fifty Bales by next September, but if in a few days I am not more Successful I shall despair of having 200 Bales by that time, I have now in the Godown & at Wash 58 Bales and I believe I have turnd out near as many.

I humbly request your Honour &ca. will favour me with a further Supply of Cash as soon as Possible least the Merchants Should plead the want of Money as an excuse for their not performing their Contract and bringing better Cloth, likewise that You will be pleased to send me the Broad Cloth Indented for by the first Opportunity, for the Nabob & Phousdars Deloyts are perpetualy teasing me for their Masters Annual Present.

Inclosed is Duplicate of my last with Journal Parcels & Cash Accounts to Ultimo March, and Your Honour &ca. will please to Observe that I have Credited Account Current Fort St. David for the Amount of what was due to Mr. Saunders at this Settlement as he agreed to receive it at Vizagapatam.

I am with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

INGERAM
THE 23D APRIL 1749.

ROBERT GOODERE.

N°. 43

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Calculate of Tonage of the Surat piece Goods Sent to Your Presidency on the Royal Duke, having been omitted to be enclosed in that Ships Packet, I am now directed by the Honble President and Council to forward You the Same by the way of Tellicherry.

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

Bombay Castle
the 24th. April 1749.

Thomas Hodges
Secry.

N°. 44

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We Addressed Your Honour &ca. last Via Anjengo under Yesterdays Date, Duplicate of which comes enclosed, and we are now to inform You of having laden on Our Honble Masters Ship Elizabeth Four hundred Candies of Pepper and One hundred Sixty eight Plank for the Service of your Settlement Amounting to Rupees Thirty One thousand Nine hundred Eighty two three Quarters & ten Reas (Rs. 31982. 3. 10) as ℔ Invoice enclosed and the Commander having Specified to the Chief in writing (as ℔ Copy of his Letter enclosed) that he could not receive more of the former Article, He is therefore going to Callicut and will take in the whole or such part of the Timber and Plank as is lying there for the use of your Presidency which our Resident has directions to Ship off with the utmost Expedition and Send You a particular Account of the Same.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Humble Servants

Tellicherry
April the 28th. 1749.

Thomas Byfeld.
Ar. Douglas.
John Robinson.
Charles Water.

P.S. Enclosed is Account Charges on 395 Bags of Pease belonging to His Majesty now sent on the Elizabeth the Amount of which being Rupees 32. 2. 40 please to recover of the Honourable Rear Admiral.

To THOMAS BYFELD ESQR.
CHIEF OF TELLICHERRY.

SIR

Having received an order from You of the 25th. Instant for receiving 395 Bags of his Majestys Pease 168 Plank for the Service of Fort St. Davids Presidency and 600 Candies of Pepper, I am now to inform You that I can receive only 400 Candies of the latter Article, as the lateness of the Season would not permit of my Stay to throw out the Ballast taken on board my Ship at Bombay, and removeing the Kings Stores neither could I start the Pepper as usual for want of Conveniences which makes a Considerable difference, The Robbins takeing up a great deal of Room, however You may be Assured on my Arrival at Callicut, I shall receive as much of the Timber and Plank as I can take in only reserving Room for the Cables laying at Anjengo.

I am

SIR

Your most humble Servant

AMBROZE LAWRENCE.

TELLICHERRY
28TH. APRIL 1749.

True Copy.
JOHN ROBINSON
Secry.

No. 45

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last went by the Royal Duke under Date the 23d. Instant Duplicate of which comes enclosed as also Duplicate of the Calculate of Tonnage of Surat Peice Goods that went enclosed in our Secretary's Letter to your Honour &ca. under the 24th. following.

The Honble Company in their Commands ℔ Ship Dodington having thought proper to establish ten Companys of Military and one of Artillery for the Defence of this Island and all other Settlements Subordinate thereto to compleat which with Europeans their Excellencies the Lords Regent have given Orders that any Officers, private Men or others belonging to the Company of Artillery and the twelve independant Company's of Soldiers under the Command of the Honble Rear Admiral Boscawen, who are willing to enter into the Companys Service, may have Leave to Stay in India, we desire therefore that Your Honour &ca. will take the most Suitable Method to enlist for the Service of this Presidency 20 Gunners at 1s. ℔ Day also 260 private Centinals at 10 ℔ Day with 14 Serjeants at 1. 8 ℔ Day and 11 Corporals at 1. 2. ℔ Day, and for an Encouragement to the Non Commission Officers and private Men to enter into our Service the Honourable Company do allow a Bounty not exceeding forty Rupees each Man, but in Cases where any one enters on his being promoted to the Rank of Serjeant or Corporal, not having Served in that Rank before, they expect Such Person enter without any other Bounty than that of his promotion, engaging all Such as enter into our Service for the term of five Years certain; But your Honour &ca. will please to have regard that no Foreigner nor no Indian, Black, or Person of A mixt Breed nor Deserter from any Nation whatever is to be entertained in the Company of Artillery, not even a British Subject who may have once deserted from his Majesty

or the Companys Service, Althô he may have been pardoned for his Desertion, nor any Roman Catholick of what Nation Soever, nor Protestant married to a Roman Catholick, those Exceptions being expressly made by the Honble Company in their Commands Abovementioned. And we doubt not your Honour &c^{a}. will take the Most Suitable Method for conveying them hither as also the Detachment formerly Sent to Your Presidency.

Having Occasion for Lead just before the Briliant Snow sailed hence we directed the Commander to send ashore all that belonged to said Vessell being Slabs three hundred ninety four, Weight four hundred eighty Seven hundred weight one Quarter, thirteen pound, and a half, for which Your Honour &c^{a}. will please to debt us and advise us the Amount.

His Majesty's Ships Exeter Harwick and Eltham having been Supplied herewith Sundry Stores Amounting to Rupees Seventy Six thousand five hundred eighty eight three Quarters fifty Six Reas (R^{s}. 76588. 3. 56) as ℔ Account enclosed duely credited and certified by Captain Powlett for which the President conformable to Admiral Boscawens Request has given us three Bills of the Same tenour and Date on him Payable to your Honour &c^{a}. As he has likewise for the Sum of R^{s}. Seven thousand two hundred twenty one Quarter Seventeen Rays (7220. 1. 17) on his Majestys Agent Victualer at Your Place for Wheat consigned him on the Royal Duke and those Ships as ℔ Invoices and Receipts enclosed. His first Bills on both come enclosed.

Thomas Andrews being Appointed a Captain and Commander of a Company on this Establishment at 10. ℔ S Day according to the Honble Company's late Regulations; as is Lieutenant John Williams Lieutenant in a Company at 5. ℔ S Day. Your Honour &c^{a} will please to make good their Pay Accordingly commencing from the 1st. of last Month.

The Tryal Snow returned last Night from Gombroon and will in a few Days be dispatched to the Bay but ordered to call in her Way at your Presidency.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most humble Servants

BOMBAY CASTLE

THE 2^{D}. MAY 1749.

WILLIAM WAKE.
WILLIAM WEST.
THOMAS LANE.
CHA^{S}. CROMMELIN.
HUGH SYMMONS.
JAMES HENRY LAMBE.

P.S. Be pleased to forward the enclosed Packet to the Honble Company by the first Opportunity.

COPY of Sundry Paragraphs of the Honble Companys commands dated the 17th. June 1748. ℔ Ship Dodington.

Para. 20th. "We most Strenuously recommend it to You to make use of "all possiblle Means, to dispatch home unto us as many of our Ships as you can."

21. "In case You cannot load this Ship home, You must put the pro- "perest Cargo you can procure for the Canton Market on board, and send her "thither, consigning the same to such Supra Cargoes as we shall order to take "Charge of her there, taking Special care the Captain does not exceed his "Priviledge in Tonnage."

23d. "Enclosed is Copy of our Orders to Bengall, for the dispersion of "the large Tonnage on hand there, for your Notice, such of them as are freighted "Ships to Your Side of India, must for that reason be returned to the Bay, but in "case You are not able to send home the others. We would have them past over "to Canton, with such Goods as You can Spare proper for that Market, consigning "them to such Supra Cargoes we shall order to take charge of them."

24. "The George Snow, if with you on receipt hereof, must be immediately sent home."

A true Copy.

THOMAS HODGES
Secry.

N°. 46

TO THE HONOURABLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Agreeable to the directions of the Gentlemen at Tellicherry I have Shipt on board the Elizabeth Capt. Ambrose Lawrence Commander, Eleven hundred plank for the Service of your Presidency Agreable to the Invoice Enclosed as likewise the Commanders receipt for the Same, which being all he was able to take in, have nothing further to add, than that I am with respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

CALLICUT, Your most Obedt. Servant

MAY 3D. 1749. THOS. BENTON.

P.S. I have this moment received a packet for FORT ST. DAVID from Tellicherry & have Accordingly Dispatched the Same two putterahs.

Idem.

THOS. BENTON.

N°. 47

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Honour &ca. Favour ℔ Boscowen of 5th. Ultimo we received the 16th. And that ℔ Success of the 16th. Instant is come safe to hand, the treasure Wares and stores turn out right except a deficiency of 6 Maunds Lead & 4md. Iron.

The Madera Wine will be disposed of at the price Stated, and We shall put that Embossed Cloth up at Outcry According to your directions.

Mr. Munroe is entertaind upon the Same footing as Mr. Turing, and as he has some Medecines that he warrants to be good We Shall Allow him Annually as was usual to Mr. Turing.

Captain Peter Love, Lieutent. Turnbull and Ensign Lewis all According to their Commissions, We shall conform to the Military regulations as mush as the Service will Admit of and Advise of them. Fluctuating between peace and War

we are greatly obliged to Your Honour &c^{a}. for this indulgence, and whenever we receive the happy news of Peace shall be very ready to retrench our Expences as we are very sensible they are greatly disproportionate to the Invest^{t}. we make here.

We Omitted in our last to return M^{r}. Churcheys thanks for Your Favour and Cap^{t}. Peter Love desires his gratefull Acknowledgement for your remembrance of him.

We have some difficulty in regulating our Topasses pay as they Are upon diff^{t}. Footings, our Garrison has been Always paid with Rupees, We must therefore request You will please to Settle the Exchange they are to be paid at.

The Declaration in regard to the Dutch is fixed at our Fort Gate.

M^{r}. Thomas Heath will proceed to Ganjam by first Opportunity.

We hope Your Honour &c^{a}. will be able to Supply us with the Superfine and Scarlet indented for our Nabob having demanded his present which we cannot comply with for want of proper Sortments.

We are heartily sorry for the Disappointm^{t}. of the Ingeram Bales, and the Quantity of Cloth expected from the Norw^{d}. M^{r}. Saunders begs leave to observe Your Honour &c^{a}. that he left 350 Bales at Ingeram Amounting to upwards of two thousand Pag^{s}. more than he was in Cash to pay for and that Upparra Country was so involved in troubles that M^{r}. Goodere could not possibly get much from thence.

According to directions We have Supplyed M^{r}. Andrews with R^{s}. 3000 but we are able to Send him no more as We have not Sufficient for our running months expences & our Investment in the Boney and Norw^{d}. Country is at a stand for want of Rup^{s}. to Carry on that Branch of trade.

We Shall be obliged to Your Honour &c^{a}. for Account Curr^{t}. with this Factory and the Warehouse Keepers Account Sortment of Cloth.

Inclosed are our Cash and Paymasters Accounts with Diarys for March, We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obed^{t}. Humble Servants

VIZAGAPATAM
MAY 6TH. 1749.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
JOHN CHURCHEY.
SAMUEL BANKS.

N°. 48

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Honour &c^{a}. favour of the 16th. Jan^{ry}. by Ship Success came duely to hand that of the 23^{d}. p^{r}. Adventure Brigg^{t}. did not reach me till the 10th. past by the latter I have received the Sundrys Agreeable to Invoice.

This covers the Accounts of this place for the Months of December January February & March.

I am with the greatest esteem

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient and Most Obliged Humble Servant

JOHN ANDREWS.

GANJAM
APRIL 10TH. 1749.

N°. 49

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^t^. Council
of Fort S^t^. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last bore date the 28 February Since which We have received Your Letter of the 12^th^. of that month.

The Treasure You sent us ℔ Griffin & Fort William being landed turned out Agreeable to Invoice & Captain Usgate with the Men that came down upon the latter are Safe Arrived.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Humble Servants

Fort William
the 20^th^. March 1748/9.

William Barwell.
George Pattle.
James Mosman.
Adam Dawson.
Hum: Bellamy.
William Kempe.
Edward Eyles.
William Fytch.
Roger Drake.

N°. 50

Tevenepatam.

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esq^r^.
Governour of the Right Honble English East India Company
at Fort S^t^. David & &^c^. Council.

Honble Sir & Most Worthy Friends

The Honble the Directors of Amsterdam having Sent the Ship Hercules for Ceyloon and this place which is this day Arrived here with a letter dated June the 1^st^. last Year with a Coppy of an act of Cessation of Arms between the Kings of Great Brittain and France concluded and Seigned [*sic*] at Paris the 19^th^. of August 1712 which together with an act of Armistice or Cessation of Arms We have sent for Your Honours perrusal [*sic*] and as we have received an order to Conform ourselves thereunto Exactly in all points we find ourselves obliged to Acquaint Your Honour therewith notwithstanding the time prefixed by the said preliminaries is Already Expired and we hope that the news of a soon Expected Peace will prove true wherewith we with great Esteem remain.

Seigned [*sic*]

In the Castle of Negapatam.
June the 1^st^. N.S. 1749.

Hooreman.
Van Son.
Drenteler.
Viek.
H. De Bon.
Van Marten.
Teglenger.
De Toncherro.
Cozt.

N°. 51

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort Sr. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The enclosed is Duplicate of what we wrote Your Honour &ca. under the 2d. Instant ℔ Exeter Man of War, who with the Harwick and Eltham sailed hence for your Presidency the day following.

Governour Floyer having in a private Letter to the President requested a Supply of wheat for the Service of your Settlement we now Send Your Honr. &ca. on this Vessel, the Tryal Snow, 65 Bombay Candys (of eight Parahs each) of good Wheat, being all at present we can procure; And we likewise consign Your Honour &ca. 355. Surat Maunds of good Putchuck, which was intended for Part of the Dodington's Cargoe to Canton, but did not Arrive here in time, in hopes it may prove Acceptable for any Ship belonging to the Honble Company that may be dispatched to that Port by your Honr. &ca. The Amount thereof with the wheat abovementioned is Rups. 6904. 1. 87 as ℔ Invoice & Bills of Lading enclosed and for which we shall debt your Presidency.

The People belonging to this Vessel are paid to the 31st. Instant, and provisioned to the 30th. June next and we have given the Commander Orders to follow Such as he may receive from Your Honour &ca. for his further Proceedings.

The President has received Advice from the Consul at Aleppo dated 12th. January last that a General Pease was concluded on the 19th. October proceeding, without any other material News.

Just as the foregoing was closing Your Advices of the 31st. March last came to hand In regard to what Your Honour &ca. write us concerning the Royal Duke & Elizabeth you will please to Observe by our Letter of the 14th. Ultimo ℔ Brilliant Snow, that we had directed the Gentlemen at Tellicherry to Consign Your Honour &ca. on Ship Elizabeth as much Pepper as She could conveniently taken in, with Such Plank or other Stores as had been indented for from your Presidency; but before those Advices were dispatched your Letter of the 2d. March came to Hand, whereby we were informed that Your Honour &ca. had Appointed the Winchelsea for performing the Service at Tellicherry which we intended for the Elizabeth, as abovementioned, we therefore instantly on receipt thereof transmited, the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry directions to load on the Winchelsea all the Pepper Cardamoms and Anjengo Cloth lying there in warehouse also the Timber & Plank, as likewise the Masts belonging to his Majesty, which the Elizabeth was to have taken on board, and as a further Help towards the large Tonnage on your hands we likewise Ordered the Chief & Factors at Anjengo to Consign You on the Elizabeth whatever Cloth & Pepper they might have in Warehouse. In regard to Ship Royal Duke She was dispatched on the 23d. Ultimo by Capt. Paulet to Your Port from hence & we Sent Your Honour &ca. on her two hundred and thirty one Bales of Surat Piece Goods (Triplicate of the Account Tonnage thereof is enclosed), and two hundred Bales of Cotton as formerly Advised.

Enclosed is Attested Coppy of an Account Particulars expended in purchasing victualling and Cloathing One hundred and forty one Slaves bought at Madagascar by Captain George Bagwell of Ship Resolution in the Year 1738 as Signed by himself and Surgeon.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Humble Servants

William Wake.
Thomas Lane.
Chas. Crommelin.
James Henry Lambe.
Thomas Hodges.

Bombay Castle
the 10th. May 1749.

P.S. The Prince William Captain Webber Arrived here from the Bay the 8th. Instant, which Ship we are endeavouring to unload, and load in order to return her thither before the Monsoon sets in.

BOMBAY JULY 31ST. 1738.

ACCOUNT OF PARTICULARS EXPENDED IN PURCHASING VITUALING AND CLOATHING 141 SLAVES BOUGHT AT MADAGASCAR, PURCHASE OF RICE PRESENTS MADE & STORES EXPENDED IN TREATING THE PEOPLE.

Sundries Expended in Purchasing the Slaves.

						S				
Whole Buckaneer Guns	61	@	14	4	43	14	4			
Half D°. D°.	50	@	11	10	29	11	8			
Ditto D°. D.	85	@	11	7	49	4	7			
Trading D.	16	@	7	8	6	2	8			
Cases 12 wt. the Above Arms ..					6	12	—			
	lb.									
Gunpowder 2 80		@	60	11	8	10	5			
13 Quarter Barrs.					—	7	1½			
A Green case of Sperits					—	9	—			
Flints 4					—	—	½			
Brandy 14 Gallons					2	7	10			
								£146	19	8

Sundries Expended in Vitualing & Cloathing them.

	Qurs.				
Beans 14 7/8 wt. 6 Hdds ..				22	8 5
	lb.				
Biscuit 10 with 5 Puncheons ..				7	7 11
Salt 48 Bushels with 8 barrels				8	8 —
Tobacco 169 lb.				3	3 4½
Malt Spirits 107 Galls. with the Hdds				9	16 8
Sugar 161 lb. with the cask ..				2	18 5½
Knives 12 for fowls for sick Slaves				—	2 6¾
Seizzars [*sic*] 21 Pairs for D°. — 4 11.					
Ditto 12 D. to the Barber & Taylor .. 2 5¾					
				—	7 4¾
Razors 12 to the Barbar ..				—	2 2¼
Needles & thread making their Cloths .. .. —				—	15 7
Medicines Expended ..				14	17 —
Spice D. ..				1	19 1
Crues 4 ..				—	8 9½
Blue bags				14	8 10
33 Cows & 8 bullocks for 33 Trading Guns	12	13	—		
1 D°. for 2 Tankards	—	4	4¾		
34 [1 R] 11355 lb. Cost .. .. £	12	17	4¾		
Deduct for 1484 lb. deld. to ye. Land Payr. ..	1	13	7¾		
				11	3 9
					98 3 ¼

Sundries Expended in Purchasing of Rice.

Beads 165 lb. & the Case ..				10	5 10½
Pint Tankards				—	3 3¾
Knives 336				3	11 10½
Seizars [*sic*] 119 pairs				1	4 6
Looking Glasses 111 and the Box				3	10 7
	℔	qr.	lb.		
Rice 195	1	4	Amounting to		£18 16 13/4
Deduct 129	1	25	deliv'd ye. Ware house Keeper ..	12	9 3 6 6 10¾
Carried over ..					251 9 7

				Brought over ..	251	9 7
Sundries Presents made & Stores drank at Madagascar.						
2 Guenia Jugs	1	4	2			
Knives 12 Seizzars 6 pair Combs 6	—	4	10½			
the box for the Cutlary Ware.	—	1	10			
half Buckaneer Guns 2	1	3	2			
2 large brass Musquetoons ..	3	1	7			
1 pewter bason 3 q[t]. Tankards 9 pint D. 12 q[t]. Porringers & 2 pint D.	2	3	3			
Gunpowder 62 lb.	1	17	11			
Wine 37½ Doz. with 2 Chests & ½ ch[s].	30	12	1¼			
Brandy 51 Gall[s]. & the Hdd.	9	5	11			
Spirits 2 D.	—	16	7¼			
D[o]. 2 Green cases ..	—	18	—			
Clove water 6 Whick[d]. bottles.	3	9	10¾			
Looking Glasses 5 D. 1 ..	—	8	3¼			
Tobacco pipes	—	16	4¼			
Stationary Ware 1 box ..	3	13	8			
					59	17 7¼
Sundries Expended in making their Apartments.						
Deals 16	1	—	1½			
Nail[e]s of Sorts & the Cask.	6	12	2¾			
					7	12 4¼
					318	19 6½
a true Copy				Europe Cha[s].	1	11 19¼
Tho[s]. Satchwell.						
					320	11 4¾
		s	d			
	at	2	6	℔ Rupee	2564	2 23

GEORGE BAGWELL.
H. WELSON.

N°. 52

To THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL
OF FORT S[T]. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The 14[th]. Instant came to hand your favour of the 21[st]. Ultimo and with the Greatest Concern we read the Malloncholly Account you give of the terrible Havock the Storm had made on Your Coast, which farr Exceeds any thing we have ever heard of in India, We had a Gale of wind at the Same time on this Coast at N. W. and veered Westerly which proved very fatal to a great Number of Rice Vessells, but nothing but the Small Craft Suffered by it that we Know of.

The Cuddalore Sailed the 2[d]. Instant the Royal Duke the 5[th]. & the Elizabeth the 11[th]. all for Fort S[t]. David & we hope they are Safe Arrived.

The Accompanying is a Pacquet for the Honble the President & Council of Bombay which We desire may be forwarded with all possible Expedition.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Obedient humble. Servants

ANJENGO
MAY THE 23[D]. 1749.

RICH[D]. BOURCHIER.
THOMAS PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

N°. 53

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Letter of the 21st. April reached us the 11th. Ultimo with the melancholy Account of the General Loss by the hard Gale of Wind and since these Advices to us we hope You have had no further bad news.

This Pattamar is dispatched purposely to forward our Advices to Bombay as usual at this time of the Year, We are therefore to desire You will send them as Soon as possible.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Tellicherry
June the 6th. 1749.

Your most Obedt. humble Servants

Thomas Byfeld.
Ar. Douglas.
Jno. Robinson.
Charles Waller.
Richard Secker.

N°. 54

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. Davids.

Honble Sir & Sirs

1. The last Addresses, We paid to your Honr. &ca. went by the Success Galley Capt. James Barton Commander, and were dated the 30th. January last; enclosing Copies of Letters concerning the late Arbitrary Deportment of the Dutch in Opposing our indisputable Right of Traffick Since when our Honble Masters Ship, named the Duke of New Castle Captain Francis Fowler bound to this Place, having touched in his Way at Batavia, brought Us a Reply to our Letters from the General and Council on the Above Occasion, which Seems, if We may judge by its Contents, Somewhat inclinable to render back Restitution for the Loss Sustained in the Seizure of the Two Praws at Padang, mentioned in our last to Your Honour &ca. by Strictly examining into the Merits of the Case; for which End they have requested the Person, who escaped the Massacre might be sent to them, as an Evidence but as We think this Affair is of too much Consequence to be decided in their Courts, We dont esteem it just to comply therewith.

2. The Abovesaid Ship Arrived in our Road the 29th. Ultimo from Europe, with a Supply of Covenanted Servants Stores Military and Five Chests of Treasure,

	℔	qr.	lb.
which last, and 606 Pieces of Lead weighing	810.	2.	3

We now consign to Your Honour &ca. We also received a Pacquet from the Honble Court of Directors, wherein We had Orders to fill her up with Pepper and Afterwards dispatch her directly to England. These Injunctions We found impracticable to be performed, unless the Ship had been detained till the Season was very far advanced, and then little would have been remaining to load on Board the Next Annual Storeship, there being, at present, but a very Small Quantity of Pepper in the Godowns, and that too, chiefly the Gleanings; this happ'ning to be an unusual Time of the Year for the Planters to bring any to the Scale; besides the last Harvest was transported on the Benjamin and Godolphin. This latter Ship wanted a good Deal to conclude her Charter party Tonnage, partly thrô the Surprising Rage of the Small Pox and

partly by an unforeseen Disappointment Occasioned at Manna, thrô the Inclemency of the Weather and excessive Shallowness of the Bars within the Districts of that Place; So that to our Concern, She did not depart from thence till the 14th. February, and even then was forced to leave behind her 10 or 15 Tons, the Resident Apprising Us, that he thought it more Advisable to Dispatch her than detain her any longer upon Demorage, as he discerned no probability of a Change of Weather, the heavy Charge too, of her Continuance, althô the Quantity of Pepper might have Answered for some Days was an Inducement not to rely upon Uncertainties, where there was so little prospect of Advantage to be expected.

3. The Louisa Sloop, We took Notice of to Your Honour &ca. by the Success Galley, that She was not then Arrived (thô dispatched from Pooloo Pesang with a Loading of Fifty Six Bahar of Pepper) at Manna We Supposed She was drove away by Stress of Winds and obliged to put in at Batavia, where, We hoped the Godolphin would find her, the Captain designing to touch at that Place. We presented him with proper Directions to take in the Sloops Cargo; but, to our great Uneasiness, Neither Capt. Stevens nor Louisa had reached the Port of Batavia, when the Duke of New Castle departed from thence, which was on the 6th. March; The former We Surmise made the best of his Way to England, for Fear of Loosing his Passage; and relating to the latter Mr. Combes gives Us Intelligence, dated the 2d. of the Same Month, that Captain Barton and the China Praws heard no News of her, thô a Dutch Ship had informed him, that cruizing in the Streights Sometime in December last they met with prodigious bad Seas, and Saw a Sloop or Such like Vessel driving Bottom uppermost, whereby We Apprehend She is lost.

4. The above accident renders it Absolutely Necessary to Apply to Your Honours &ca. for Another Sloop to be Sent us from the Coast, as soon as practicable, in the Louisa's Stead, having at Present no other Vessel but the Mary to bring up the Pepper from Croee &c and to carry the Necessary Supplies to such Oute Settlements, which often Stand in need of our Assistance.

5. For the reasons just now imparted to Your Honr. &ca. in Regard to the unseasonable Arrival of the Duke of New Castle, We were at a Great Perplexity to resolve which Way to dispose of her for the Benifit of our Honble Masters; especially as We were Already Acquainted of the heavy Tonnage on the Other Coast; However our Minds Occurred to Send her immediately to China to purchase Ordinary Teas, in like Manner as We Acted by the Norfolk, but these precautions, were soon frustrated with the Sensible Reflection of our Incapacity to imburse the Captain Cash, equivalent, for Such an Expedition, We therefore proposed to consign her first to Mr. Thomas Combes, their Honours Agent at Batavia, with what Treasure We could Afford giving the latter full Power and private Instructions to borrow a Sum of Money of the Dutch there, Sufficient to procure a Loading and draw Bills upon the Honble English Company for the Payment, which when Accomplished, We intended to direct him to Dispatch her forthwith to China. Yet upon maturely weighing this Method, We had great Cause to believe it would not Succeed, but only be a means for Umbrage should Such a Scheme come to the Knowledge of the General and a Disappointment of that Kind, would at once under her Passage thither precarious. These just Considerations influenced Us to enjoin the Capt. to Sail from hence directly to the Presidency of Fort St. Davids to wait there, Your Honour &ca. Pleasure and Commands for his further Proceedings; which Resolution, We hope may not be disapproved of, Since We deemed it the best and most Secure for the Honble Company, whose Sole Interest We have particularly Studyed herein.

6. By Captain Barton We made Known to Your Honour &ca. the little Likelihood We had to entertain ourselves with the Pleasing Expectation of procuring Pepper enough to Suffice a Loading for the next Storeship; and indeed We are Sorry that the Constructions We then placed Should begin to Shew its Validity, making the unhappy Distemper of the Small Pox the Occasion which, thô abated a few Miles about Us, still vehemently Spreads and rages both to the Northward and Southward of Us, causing great Scarcity of Provisions, and an universal Dread Amongst the Planters, in so much, that We have frequent Accounts from those

Parts, of Several flying from their Doosoons and Plantations to seek Shelter in the woods, others refuse either to Cultivate their Vines or bring what Pepper they have on hand down to the Quolloes. It is also Death in most of the Country Villages to conceal the Disease: And those, who have the Misfortune to catch it, are banished to remote Places, where, for want of Food and Nourishment are starved or devoured by wild Animals, Nevertheless 'tis a pleasing Satisfaction to us, that the Settlements of Moco Moco and Croee have not as yet felt the least Effects of that contagious Sickness; not that We can rely upon their Honours Investments (in those Quarters) escaping the threatning Danger.

7. On our Parts We can Assure Your Honour &c^{a}. Nothing has been wanting to Animate and Spirit up the Inhabitants to cultivate and improve their Pepper Gardens, as well as to dispel their Fears at so critical a Juncture; but Such unavoidable Casualties as these are beyond the Art of prevention, and therefore, We indulge ourselves they will be free from Censure.

8. We received a good Quantity of Rice from Batavia by the Duke of New Castle; So that We have no Reason to be troublesome to Your Honour &c^{a}. for a Supply of that grain.

9. The Expectation We are in, of the Princess Augusta's Speedy Arrival here, and to conform with our last, We Shall reassume that Opportunity of tendring more full and Satisfactory Advices to Your Honour &c^{a}; We therefore humbly crave Leave to curtail them by this Conveyance, and to conclude, at present, with this Token of our Respect that We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obed^{t}. humble Servants

Fort Marlborough
May the 11th. 1749.

Joseph Hurlock.
John Massey.
Lew^{s}. Bonnet.
John Beack.

Supplement

Since writing the foregoing, the Attorneys of Robert Lennox Esq^{r}. having deposited into the Honble Company's Cash here, the Sum of Seven Hundred forty Dollars and Two Succa's ℔ 740. 2. We have granted them Certificates for the Same, drawn Upon the Presidency and Council of Fort S^{t}. David's, and payable to the Said Robert Lennox Esq^{r}. which We pray Your Honour &c^{a}. will please to Discharge. We are

Honourable Sir & Sirs

Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servants

Joseph Hurlock.
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John Massey.
Lew^{s}. Bonnet.
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John Beack.

Fort Marlbrough
May the 12th. 1749.

to be Enterd under N. 63.

N°. 55

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We Addressed You under the 6th. Instant desiring you would forward an Accompanying Packet to the Honble President and Council of Bombay Duplicate of which we now enclose desiring in like manner the same may be sent to them as soon as possible.

We are in daily expectation of hearing from You the News brought out by the present Years Shipping which if you have not dispatched before this Arrives we request You will please to Advise us whether the Peace is confirmed as in Such case we may reduce our Honble Masters Expences at this Settlement.

We have nothing material to communicate, but being

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servants

Tellicherry
June the 25th. 1749.

Thomas Byfeld.
Ar. Douglas.
John Robinson.
Charles Water.
Robert Secker.

N°. 56

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the Pheenix Snow I received Your favour of the 8th. May Inclosing Invoice & Bill of Lading for the Treasure & Stores Sent upon her, Also on the Said Vessell came Mr. Alexander Baird.

I shall Observe Your Honour &ca. directions about my Cloth which I heartily wish was better Conditioned & more in Quantity, I believe 200 Bales will be as many as I shall be able to provide by September, but if I am not impeded in my business for want of Cash I am yet in hopes of making no inconsiderable Investment by the end of the Year.

I am greatly concern'd for the Accident that happened to his Majesty's & our Honble Company's Shipping in the Gale of Wind & wish for nothing so Much as the Confermation of a General Peace when it is to be hoped we shall have less Occasion to regret the Misfortune.

The Paper Your Honour &ct. sent me concerng. the Dutch is Affixd at the Factory Gate, & with pleasure I observe the Honourable Company has been pleased to Order that all their Covenented Servants be paid After the rate of eight Shillings each Pagoda.

I must request the favour Your Honour &ca. will give me Some Orders about the Ingeram Barr Boat being very much out of Repair, & at present unfit for any Service, Her Stem & most of her Plank up to her Bends are Eat through by the Worms & as several of her deck plank are country Wood & decayd they must be taken up & new Ones put in their Stead, which by the Nearest Computation to

make her a strong boat again will cost upwards of 3 hundred Rupees; If Your Honr. &ca. thinks it too great an Expence to repair her & are wiling to have her sold, I believe She would sell for near Eighty Pagodas.

I am with the greatest Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

INGERAM — Your most Obedt. humble Servants

THE 20TH. JUNE 1749. — ROBERT GOODERE.

No. 57

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The 11th. Instant Imported here the Ship Success, on her came Mr. Heath who has delivered me Your favour of the 7th. past, and I am greatly Obliged to Your honour &ca. for sending him here, the Government having been so bad, that I could do no business here, was what deterr'd me from Adressing You on that head Sooner.

I shall pay due regard to Your honour &cas. Orders about the payment of the Sallarrys.

Mr. Saunders has sent me 3000 Rupees by the Success, which he tells me is all he can Spare, till he receives A further Supply from You.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

GANJAM — Your Most Obedient & Most Obliged humble Servant

MAY THE 14TH. 1749. — JOHN ANDREWS.

No. 58

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

With this comes Duplicate of our Last of the 6th. Ultimo.

Our Cash will Support only the Expences of the Factory for 6 Months so that We can make no further Advances to our Merchants till we receive a Supply from Your Honour &ct.

We are heartily Sorry for the misfortunes Occasion'd by the Storm it has greatly Affected the Merchants of this place by the Loss of 14 or 15 Vessells which we are affraid will much deminish Our Customs. We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

VIZAGAPATAM — Your most Obedient humble Servants

JUNE YE. 10TH. 1749. — THOMAS SAUNDERS.
JOHN CHURCHEY.
SAMUEL BANKS.

N°. 59

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council
of Fort S^t^. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed is Duplicate of our last Address to Your Honour &c^a^. under the 23^d^. Ultimo since when nothing of any Consequence has Occurred.

The Occasion of the present dispatch is to request that the Accompanying Pacquett may be dispatched to Bombay without delay.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Humble Servants

Anjengo
the 26^th^. June 1749.

Richard Bourchier.
Thomas Pattle.
Francis Fowke.

N°. 60

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council
of Fort S^t^. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Begging of Your Honour most Obediently leave, to lay down before You with all reverency a Sincere and Concernfull Memorial, touching the Power and Liberty which the Popish French Priests formerly have got and hetherto usurped in Madrass, as also concerning the ruin which the Protestant English Mission hath Suffer'd there, and to add, for Conscience's Publick Interest's, and suffered Loss's Sake, Some Most humble and Lawfull Proposals and petitions; We have the Confidence, that by reason of Your Honour's Bounty and Candor, and the Importance of the Matter, we may bring before You our respectfull representations of the Truth freely and without any Fear.

In the first place it is Notorious; that the Roman Catholiks in none of their Countries, Places or Settlements give us Protestants any Liberty, or even as much room as to be burried in, much less to teach the People or to have Ministers of our Church Amongst them. It is Notorious likewise, that their Anti Christian Doctrine and Idilatrous [*sic*] Practice is a Stumbling-block to all Sorts of People, and the greater the Offence if Carried on publikly in Protestant Towns, and especially in Protestant Settlements establish'd Among the Gentiles. And not to say now, that the favouring and exalting them, who are the Greatest Enemies of God and the Protestant Religion needs must be against the Love of both, and Consequently Against our Own Welfare; it is at least notoriously a great Misfortune, if we are beguiled by the Outward good Appearence, fine Words and Simulated respect and humbleness of those whose proper Character and even religion it is, to hate the Protestants in their Heart unto Death and to stay only for fair Occasions, to do their private and publick Affairs all the Mischief they can. But notwithstanding these Truths, it is also Notorious, what Great Power and Liberty the French Padres formerly have got and hitherto usurped in Madras, where they have built a Church near the Castle in the White Town, and besides (some lesser Idol-houses) three other Churches without the Town upon the Company's bounds, One to the North in Parratsheri, one to the South in Sepakam, and another, A new one, to the West near Woeperi; that in the Town having been Appointed Also for the Use of the Black Garrison, which was under their Ecclesiastical Care.

So great a Liberty given to the French Priests and Roman-Catholiks, hath proved very prejudicious and fatal before, in and After the Loss of Madrass. Before the ruin of our Town, the lethiferous poison of their Idolatrous Doctrine

and Practice hath many Years since infected Multitudes of People, and became Year by Year more dangerous by their Authority and Impudence (wherewith they Used even to Scorn at us and to call our Religion the Tosca Ley, which is to Say the rude Religion) Only one Instance to Say no more, can be enough to be convinced of the Harm of this Poison, viz^{t}. that even a great (if not the Most) part of the Orphan Girls of the English Church, brought up in the English Charity-School, Afterwards have been made Prosselytes of the Popish Church by the French Padres.

And not to touch here, what an Influence hereafter the Power and the Presence of the French Padres and Roman Catholiks in Madrass, hath had in the Loss of the Town, before and in the Arrival of the French Forces, and in the Days of the Siege; Surely, besides that, it hath had a very Strong Secret Influence in it. For, undoubtedly, one of the Chief Reasons, which have provoked the Justice of God to the heavy and long lasting judgement Over Madrass, hath been also the settling, favouring and exalting there the Ennemies of Christ and of his Church in so high a degree. To French Missionaries hath been given so much room and liberty in Madrass, that at last the French became Masters of Madrass, and drove the English out: *Veteres migrate Coloni.*

After the Loss of Madrass, no body remembring the high favours the French Priests and Roman-Catholiks had enjoyed so many Years since under a Protestant Government, (1) the English Church, besides loosing it's Bell and many other things, hath been dishonourd and profaned excessively for a Considerable time, Serving for a Store-house and for a reserver of Water ets, [*sic*] and now only a short time Since they repair and cleanse it again, thinking that that will be all enough to gain them the former Love and Leberties [*sic*] (2) The Protestant English Mission's Buildings in the Black Town with all that belonged to them, have been intirely raized and demolished. And unto this very day they do not think of any restoration, or Satisfaction, Neither have we had at any time a mind to beg it from the Enemy, but relying all this Time confidently on Your Honours future good reformation of the Madrass Affairs we have patiently waited hitherto for the long expected restitution of that Town, as the right Opportunity to see them rewarded even as they rewarded us.

Hoping than finally, that that Seasonable time is now at hand, Your Honour please favourably to look upon our following Most humble proposals and petitions, which we Most Sincerely and respectfully lay before You as well for Conscience's And Publik Interest's, as also for Suffered Loss's and Ruin's sake Viz^{t}. (1) To let the French Priests go to their Own Settlements, and to give them at the Arrival of a New English Government, no farther Footing neither in the Town nor in the Company's Bounds, Considering that French Missionaries have nothing to do in English Settlements.

(2) If it should be thought necessary, to Allow Still to the Popish Inhabitants an Exercise of Religion within the bounds of the Company, (which Yet cannot be of an absolute necessity, Since they have S^{t}. Thomé very near) to allow them only, under a Strict limiting to make no new proselytes, a Portugueez Padre and one Church without the Town. But not that to the North in Parratshere, because there Allways dwell the Most part of the black Soldiers and the Palanquin-boys &c[^{e}.]; neither that all the West near Waperi, which would not serve to that purpose being too far of, and besides that it would not be Advisable to have them on the Land-side betwixt Madrass and the Country; but that at the South of Madrass, in Sepakam, on the other Side of the Island, the way to S^{t}. Thome.

(3) To confiscate the other three Churches together with all other things and Possessions the French Padres have upon Company's Ground; and, if it Should be thought proper, to take out of it what perhaps can Serve to the English Church or School, and to give the rest, and particularly the Churches, to the English Mission for a just retaliation and Satisfaction Against it's Losses and endured Affront's and Miseries; considering that the English Mission's—Buildings (wherein we had both Church, Schools and Dwelling) together with the houses of the Catechists and Several other Mission's Servants, have been made even with the

Ground, and that the One Missionary being then in Madrass hath been driven out together with his people and Orphans, and within these 2 Years and a half been Obliged to live at the Northern side of Policate like as in an Exile [*sic*] continuing there his Ministry, Church and Schools, and Suffering with his dispersed flock all the time long a great Deal of hardships.

(4) Especially, to turn the Portugueez Town Church of the French Padres, that hath been hitherto a Popish Black-Garrison's Church, into a Protestant One, by giving the Care of it to us the English Missionaries, whereupon we shall not sail [*sic*] (if only Assisted by a proper Rule of the Honourable Government) to furnish within a little time, or from time to time So many Protestant Topases or Soldiers [as] there are required, and to Keep them always under a good divine instruction.

(5) If perhaps the French Padres (or any body else in their behalf) Should Offer great things, as it is their Custom, for to enjoy their former Liberty; the best way would be to take it all and to let them go thereafter. For by all they are able to give, they cannot make good the Damage they done and Caused to be done before.

Most humbly praying to pardon all the Freedom taken in this Matter of importance, and not doubting but your Honour shall by your inlightned Judgement find, that all the Contents of this our concern and respectfull memorial Stand upon—Truth, and urge upon nothing else but the Sanctification of the Name of God, the Honour of the Religion, Government and Nation, and a blessed Welfare and Safety of the Town and it's Subjects; We give this whole Address over to your Honour's bountifull Care, recommanding the Oppressed English Madrass Mission to Your lovefull Curatorship, it being, besides the Divine Providence, not only Yet unprovided with any Fond in the World, but now also robbed, destroyed troden down, cast out and greatly Affronted and despised by the Anti-Christian Foreigners Such a one imploreth Your Honour's Help and Justice in this fair Occasion You have to undo abominable Working places of Iniquity, and on the Contrary, to promote the Kingdom of God, and to inherit the blessings of those, that glorify His Name in this Wicked part of the World.

May by Your Honour's Service henceforward glory dwell in our Land, mercy and trust meet together, and Righteousness and peace Kiss each other, Truth Spring out of the Earth and Righteousness look down from heaven and may the Lord bestow Millions of Blessings over the new Settling of the Affairs of Madrass as well as over the Honourable whole East India Company and all their Settlements, and especially over Your Honours Person, favouring You allways with His particular devine Assistance and giving You good Health and temporal and everlasting Welfare, are the faithfull Wishes of

HONOURABLE SIR &C^{A}.

YOUR HONOURS

Most humble & Most obed^{t}. Servants
the Missionaries of the English Madrass Mission
JOHN PHILIP FABRICIUS present near Policate
JOHN CHRISTIAN BREITHAUPT.

Near POLICATE
MAY 17TH. 1749.

N°. 61

AT TEVENAPATAM

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
GOVERNOUR FOR THE HONBLE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY AT FORT STR. DAVIDS, AND GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL.

HONOURABLE SIR
& MUCH ESTEEMED FRIENDS,

Having received a letter dated June 30th. past, from the Right Honble the Governour General, and the Gentlemen of Council at Batavia, wherein they have been pleased to communicate to us, the contents of a Gracious letter from the Right Honble the 17 Gentlemen, dated Octobr. 24th. last Year; that on the 18th. of the Same month, the Peace, So long wished for, has been Concluded between Those Powers, who had been in War, We would therefore not be wanting, presently to give Notice thereof, as also herewith shew our hearty Congratulation, under Promise, that as soon as we receive the Articles, when reapon [*sic*] the Peace is grounded, we shall Communicate the same. In the meantime we remain.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

Your Honours and Most Humble Servants

IN THE CASTLE OF NEGAPATAM
7TH. AUGUST N.S. 1749.

L. HOOREMAN.
P. VAN SON.
C. L. VAN DRENTELEN.
D. C. VICK.
HENDRICK DU BON.
JAN : MARTENSZ.
J. W. TEYLINGEN.
N. DE JONCHERE.
P. F. COZT.

N°. 62

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our Honble Masters Ship Tavistock Capt. Nathaniel Cush bound for Coast & Bay having as the Captain informs us met with hard Gales of Wind off—Culoan was blown off and put in here the 8th. at night We have taken a Copy of the General and Secretarys Letter to St. David with List of the Pacquet which comes inclosed and deliver'd the Original Packet to the Capt. we hope our Conduct in this respect will meet with Your Approbation and shall be glad Your Honour &ca. will please to give us full directions how to Act on Such emergency in future, it has blown so very fresh here that Boats could not gett off.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedt. humble Servants

VIZAGAPATAM
12TH. JULY 1749.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
JOHN CHURCHEY.
SAML. BANKS.

TEVENAPATAM **N°. 63**

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esq^R^.
Governour for the Right Honourable
English East India Company at
Fort S^T^. David, & the Gent^N^. of Council.

Honourable Sir
& much esteemed Friends

We had the pleasure to receive Your Honour's Favour of the 5^th^. on the 20^th^. hujus, and thank in the most friendly manner, for the thereby transmitted Articles of the Peace concluded, which we on our side with great Desire are expecting, and as soon as we receive the Same, we shall immediately give Reciprocal Communication thereof. We have the honour with all Sincerity to remain.

Honourable Sir &
much esteemed Friends
Your most humble & most Obedient Servants

Negapatam,
in the Castle
August 21^st^. 1749.

Z. Hooreman.
P. Van Son.
C. L. Van Drentelen.
D. C. Nick.
Hendrick da Bon.
Jan: Martensz.
J. W. Teylingen.
N. De Jonehere.
P. F. Cort.

To M^R^. Joseph Hurlock Deputy Gov^R^.
and the Gentlemen of the Council of the
Honble English East India Company
at Fort Marlbrough.

Sirs

We sometime ago Received Your Letter, of the 30^th^. January of this Year, containing an earnest Complaint, that two Vessels belonging to you with a Cargo of about 12000 Spanish Dollors, were Arrested at Sinchel by a Panchallong belonging to Padang, the Seals and Pass ports torn and Violated, and besides this the Crews of the said Vessels all Massacre'd but one, further more that a Brigantine called the Fanny being Trading at Triamong, was by the Orders of our Servants at Padang driven away, desiring that concerning these Affairs We would give You satisfaction, but as our Advices from Padang are not Yet received here, we find our selves incapable of Judging of this Affair. But you will be pleased in the mean time to rest Assured, that on the receipt of the said Advices we shall not neglect to make a careful Enquiry into the said Accidents desiring in the mean time that You will send hither the Person that was saved for further Examination and Elucidation since it appears that all the hatefull Circumstances of the first Accident are taken from his single Evidence, and we Acknowledge our selves not only obliged, but shall Always show our selves inclined to Punish severely all excesses that are not only called but are found indeed to be against all moral and Divine Laws, The Law of Nations, or what may Properly belong to it, to have been committed by our Subalterns, against whom soever it might be & therefore much more so when against our good Friends and Neighbours, and a Nation whose Friendship we seek & highly esteem, but at the same time we think we are bound not to suffer our

selves to be frightned from the Mainten[ance] to the utmost of our Power of the rights & Priviledges of our high sovereigns and Principals, by the Dissatisfaction, of Private People, or by premature and improper Threatnings.

We desire You to be Assured that We remain with all Possible Attention.

SIRS &c^{a}.

N°. 64

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have this day drawn on Your Settlement Bills of Exchange in favour of the Honble Charles Floyer Esq^{r}. for Arcott Rupees Two thousand Five hundred & Thirty Six Which We request You will Comply with and Are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Humble Servants

FORT WILLIAM
THE 14TH. MARCH 1748/9.

WILLIAM BARWELL.
GEORGE PATTLE.
JAMES MOSMAN.
A. DAWSON.
HUM^{RY}. BELLAMY.
WILLIAM KEMPE.
EDWARD EYLES.
WILLIAM FYTCHE.

N°. 65

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since our last under date the 20th. March We have received Your several favours of the 8th. April 14th. 22^{d}. May with our Honble Masters Packet enclosed therein.

The Red Wood ℔ Success We have received & shall settle the freight thereof with the Owners when demanded. The Peices come out right in Number but short

md. s.

in weight Fifteen Maunds Twenty four Seers (15. 24)

We are very much concerned to hear of the Storm that happened on Your Coast. The Edgbaston After having lost all her masts and been much damaged in the Said Storm Arrived here the 9th. May the Captain of her is now Sick but we shall demand of him the One hundred Forty four Pagodas (144) demanded by Peter Denchor The List of Stores Supplied the Edgbaston with by M^{r}. Duplex being Omitted to be enclosed & the Amount thereof not being Specified in your Letter We cannot demand it of him.

We observe that you have received the Fifty Chests of Silver out of the Syren Man of War which our Honourable Masters designed for the Service of this Presidency of which We were in hopes to have received some Share by the Ships which imported here from Your Place but our expectations being disappointed We must Acquaint You that We greatly fear it will prove very prejudicial to our Honble Masters Investment and desire You will take all Opportunities to send us some Supplies.

We shall supply You with what Salt Petre we can spare if any of the Company's Ships should go up in August or any of the Country Ships will take it on reasonable terms.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

FORT WILLIAM
THE 19TH. JUNE 1749.

WILLIAM BARWELL.
GEORGE PATTLE.
A. DAWSON.
HUMRY. BELLAMY.
WILLIAM KEMPE.
EDWARD EYLES.
WILLIAM FYTCHE.
ROGER DRAKE Junr.
E. H. CRUTTENDEN.

N°. 66

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I am sorry to Acquaint You that my Ordinary Cloth is no better than when last I wrote You, The Weavers as well as the Merchants Say they cannot Afford to bring it better unless Your Honour &ca. think proper to Allow them an advance of half Pagoda ℔ Corge which for this Month past I have been giving them hopes off as I am persuaded it will be of infinite Service to the ensuing Investment, and as the Season of the Year is far Advanc'd I beg Your Honr. &ca. will please to favour me with Your Answer as soon as possible.

About 8. o'Clock last night came in from Vizagapatam a Bengall Pacquet which with Duplicate of my last comes herewith. Beleive me to Remain with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

INGERAM
THE 27TH. JULY 1749.

Your most Obedt. humble Servant
ROBERT GOODERE.

N°. 67

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By the Duke of Newcastle that arrived Yesterday, We received Your Honour &cas. Favour of the 20th. August the Wares & Stores we shall land as soon as Possible but must Observe to you that if we have not A further Supply of Boats that it will be Sometime first As soon as She is unloaded shall immediately give the Captain Sailing Orders.

The Books &c^{t}. that were delivered over to us by Inventory were very few, but there is a great many in Presses that we have not been able Yet to Examine so cannot at present send the Cowle Book, but find by the Consultations for 1745 that the Villages then let out as follows.

Egmore & Villages	1450
Trivitore &c^{t}. villages	1230
Paddy Fields & Salt Pans	710
Companys Old Garden	326

We shall Agreeable to Your Honour &c^{t}. Orders give the Honourable Companys Gratuity to Such Men of the Independent Companies as can be prevailed on to inlist here.

Enclosed we send Your Honour &c^{t}. an Indent for Such Stores as are immediately wanted here.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Servants

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
23^{D}. AUGUST 1749.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 68

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last was dated the 10th. May and went by the Tryal Snow, Duplicate whereof You will receive herewith.

On the 1st. June we received Your Favour of the 21st. April, advising of the Violent Storm that happened on your Coast on the 14th. of that Month. The same Gale of wind was felt at this Place on the 14th. April, and likewise on the Mallabar Coast that day, where a small Sloop of the Honble Company's belonging to Anjengo Factory was lost in Panane River, with a Cargoe on board value about eleven thousand Rupees Consigned from thence to Tellicherry. The Cuddalore Sloop (which was built at this Place for the Service of Your Presidency Agreeable to your Honour &c^{as}. Desire) was dispatched by the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry to Anjengo Factory sometime in March, with some Rice for the Service of the Garrison, it being Judged she could perform that Service and return to Tellicherry time enough to take in a Loading of Pepper for Your Place, but as she was not heard of at that Factory so late as the 24th. April, it is hoped that the Gale having reached her, she pushed her Passage directly to Your Coast.

At the time we received the above Advices from Your Honour &c^{a}. the President received a Letter from Admiral Boscawen with a Packet on his Majesty's Service for the Admiralty to be forwarded to England in the most expeditious manner, we therefore dispatched the same to Bussorah on the Drake Ketch the 20th. Instant, being as soon as She could possibly be got ready, and at the Same time Acquainted the Honble Company with the above most unhappy Accident by forwarding Copy of Your Letter to us Abovementioned.

We have no Opportunity at present to Send them Your Packet that we received the 24th. Instant with Your Advices of the 11th. May but shall Dispatch it the first Opportunity that Offers at the Opening of the Season which it is probable may be about the latter end of August.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most humble Servants

BOMBAY CASTLE
29TH. JUNE 1749.

WILLIAM WAKE.
WILLIAM WEST.
THOMAS LANE.
HUGH SYMMONS.
CHAS. CROMMELIN.
JAMES HENRY LAMBE.
THOMAS HODGES.

N°. 69

TO THE HONOURABLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclosed is Duplicate of our last to Your Honour &ca. Since when we have not been favoured with any from You.

On the 2d. Instant Imported the Honourable Companys Ship Boscawen Captain Benjamin Braund in four months and six days from the Downes, having been nine days at Joanna, she brings Advice that a general Peace was concluded at Aix La Chappell on the 7th. October last O S, to which Germany, Spain, and the other Powers engaged in the late War have Acceeded.

Enclosed You will receive Copy of Such Paragraphs of the Honble Company's Commands to this Presidency ℔ Boscawen as relate to their Ships at the war Freight and Demorage, which notwithstanding we have reason to believe you may receive by the Shipping for Your Place before this reaches You, Yet as it may be otherways, we think it not improper to transmit You, as well as a List of their Ships Arrived from, and taken up for India Anno 1748.

This You will receive by the Prince Willaim bound to Bengall, which we have Ordered to touch at Your Place for landing fifty Barrells of Bombay Gunpowder (which is all She can take in, or we would have sent You a much larger Quantity,) consigned Your Honour &ca. as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed Amounting to Rupees 1400 for which Your Presidency will be debted on our Books.

Enclosed is a Packet from the Admiralty delivered us by Captain Braund for the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships in the East Indies.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most humble Servants

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 6TH. AUGUST 1749.

WILLIAM WAKE.
WILLIAM WEST.
THOMAS LANE.
WILLIAM SEDGWICKE.
CHAS. CROMMELIN.
HUGH SYMMONS.
JAMES HENRY LAMBE.
THOMAS HODGES.

N°. 70

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have received Your favour's of the 26 & 29th. of August. The Stores by the Cuddalore Sloop will be all Landed this Day when We shall dispatch her to You.

We shall Observe Your Honour's Order's regarding what Cannon &ca. Mr. Boscawen may tender us. As We shall also in engaging Such Men of the Independents as can be prevailed upon to Inlist for three Years Service.

We Shall dispatch the Duke of New castle in two days.

We are with the greatest respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

FORT ST. GEORGE
SEPTEMBER 1ST. 1749.

Your most Obedt. Servants
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 71

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I did my self the pleasure of Addressing Your Board under Date of the 15th. October 1749, to request Your Honours woud please to take the trouble of dividing the Money I remitted on the Princess Augusta Captain Edward Jacob, to Satisfie the demands of his Creditors; in which Letter I promised to provide the Necessary Papers, and Send by the first Conveyance; which were ready for the Oxford Captain Stevens, but thrô mistake of my Attorney here, forgot to be delivered; Since which have had no direct Conveyance, and hope that your Honours will be so good as to excuse it.

I am now to Acknowledge the Receipt of your Honour's Favour ℔ Benjamin, and am very Sorry to Observe that Mr. Lesly the Mate had embezzeled part of the Money; I however hope that Your Honours will Still be able to recover it.

It gave me great Pleasure to Observe the goodness of your Honours, in excusing the trouble I was necessitated for my own Safety to give Your Board in this Business; a Liberty which nothing but so nice an Affair could ever have extenuated Your Honours Le[nn]ity in the first makes me hope that I shall Still have Your Pardon for this farther trouble, and that I may Still enjoy Your generous Mediation till the whole thing is settled; which I hope will be done as soon as these Papers comes to your Honours Hands.

Having thrô Hurry remitted more Money than was really due the Estate, as Yours Honours will please to Observe by the Accompanying Accounts; I beg You will please to order it to be returned to my Order at Fort St. David.

When I remitted the last Money I had not collected it all in, by Reason that Mr. Marchant one of the Creditors was but lately dead and his Affairs at that time in Some Confusion; I then thought that his Estate would Suffice to discharge his Debt to Captain Jacob's Estate, but have found Since that other Claims have Appeared, and a great many of his Outstanding Debts have proved bad; There Still remains a Ballance due of ℔ 475. 1. 48 which Sum Your Honours will please to deduct out of my last remittance, and pay to my Aforesaid Order.

As there only remains due to Captain Jacob's Estate the Syrangs Note, for 96 Dollars, & one of Timothy Tolleys for ℔ 165. both which Captain Jacob Always look'd upon as bad, desire that I may have a discharge from the Persons concerned.

I have the Honour to be with the Most perfect Esteem.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedt. humble Servant

ROGER CARTER.

FORT MARLBRO.

MAY THE 11TH. 1749.

N°. 72

SIRS

I having been Inform'd here By Mr. Morses's Dubash that the Merchant whom the redwood belongs to at Durasapatam is at Ponticherry and that he had sent for him at my Arrival here, for whom I have waited 24 hours and he not coming, and am Informed he cannot be at Durasapatam in Less then 6 Days and that I should not be Able to get much redwood if any, by my time Limited to stay there, have made the Best of my way to Vizagapatam hoping it will be Agreable and am Gentlemen wishing You health.

Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

HENRY KENT.

MADRAS
SEPTR. THE 7TH. 1749.

8 in the morning.

P.S. The Peon that came on board me [*sic*] Knows Nothing of the Place.

N°. 73

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having now discharged the Duke of New Castle, Agreeable to Your Orders We dispatch her to you We have Supplyed her with Two Barrells of Tar and One Coil of Cordage.

We beg You'll please to send us all the Brass Lock's that can be Spared and are with the greatest respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most humble Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

FORT ST. GEORGE

SEPTR. 3D. 1749.

P.S. The Account of the Disbursements for the Duke of New Castle & Porto Bello Sloop are enclosed 20 Coil of Cord-
inchs.
age from 6. to 1½ is greatly wanted.

N°. 74

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We address'd Your Honour &ca. under date the 12th. Ultimo Duplicate of-which comes herewith.

Ship Fort William imported here last night from Bengall and Advises of her having seen the Tryall snow off the Point by which We emagine [*sic*] Your Honour &cas. not having it in Your Power to Supply us with Cash for the Investment therefore request You will please if possible to send us a small matter for Factory Expences by first Opportunity.

By Ship Success we purpose sending up our Bales being About 300.

We shall be greatly obliged to Your Honour &ca. for Account Current with Your Presidency and Acct. Sortment of Cloth. We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Vizagapatam
13th. August 1749.

Thomas Saunders.
John Churchey.
Samuel Banks.

N°. 75

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Accompanying is Duplicate of our last bearing date the 19th. Ultimo Since which time We have received Your Honour &cta's favours of the 19th. June & 6th. July The former Advising of the Arrival of our Honble Masters Ship the Griffin Captain Thomas Dethick at your Settlement, and the latter of the Safe Arrival there of the Walpole, Sandwich, Dragon, & Brittania.

The Walpole arrived here the 19th. Instant and by her We received Thirty Chests of Rupees and Twenty Chests of Bullion which being Weighed off & surveyed turn'd out right.

The Honble Company have thought proper to Confer the Management of their Affairs here on the Honble Adam Dawson Esqr. Who with the other Gentlemen of Council return your Honour &ca. thanks for Your kind Congratulations.

We have now the pleasure to Acquaint Your Honour &ca. that Our Honble Masters Ship the Tavistock Capt. Cush Commander this day imported here from Madeira but last from Vizagapatam Where She was obliged to touch Account of the hard Gales of wind She met with off Zeloan This Ship brought One hundred Pipes of Wine for Your Presidency with which We propose Sending her up to You in a few days together with 4500 Bags of Salt Petre to Compleat Your Indents of the 28th. May & 19th. June; The Elizabeth who is near ready to Sail being able to take in no more than 1500 Bags.

Althô our Honble Masters have directed us to send their Ships home with even One hundred and Fifty Tons dead Freight, Yet in order to Save their paying for so much dead Freight They have directed us to fill up their Tonnage with Red

Wood of the China Sort and other Gru[ff]Goods We are therefore to request Your Honour &c[a]. will lose no Opportunity of Supplying us at least with Four hundred Tons of Red Wood.

We are

FORT WILLIAM
THE 27TH. JULY 1749.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Most Humble Servants
A. DAWSON.
&c[a]. Council.

N°. 76

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This waits on You ℔ Pheenix Snow whereon I have Shipped for the Account & Risque of Our Honourable Masters Two hundred & ten Bales of Callicoes for which Invoice and Bill of Lading come inclosed.

I humbly request Your Honour &c[t]. will be pleased to Send me Ten thousand Pagodas by the return of the Pheenix for otherwise my Investment will Suffer greatly & I can expect to do but little business between this and Jan[ry]. I must likewise beg Your Compliance with the Inclosed Indent being in want of Several things for the Use of the Factory, particularly Broad Cloth that I may be able to compleat my Presents with the Nabob & Phousdars who are continualy Threatening me with Letters and Deloyts.

I am with Respect

INGERAM
THE 26TH. AUGUST 1749.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servant
ROBERT GOODERE.

N°. 77

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[T]. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Under date the 27th. Ultimo We wrote Your Honour &c[a]. as ℔ Duplicate thereof enclosed.

We therein informed you of the Arrival here of our Honble Masters Ship the [T]airstock [*sic*] whom We intended to Send you in a few days with the Madeira Wine She had on board for your Place as also the Four thousand Five hundred bags of Salt Petre (4500) to compleat Your Indent But as our Honble Masters have in their Commands ℔ this Ship positively Ordered us to purchase no more Petre than what might be necessary for the Charter party Kintledge only, as they had a large quantity in their Warehouses at home and expected more having Observed to us that those Ships that had Iron & Stones for their Charter Party, Kentledge were to have no Salt Petre put on board them We came to a resolution of Sending up no more Petre than what we had laden on the Elizabeth.

On the 3d. Instant the Tryal Snow Imported here having passed by Vizagapatam Ingeram & Ganjam on Account of the hard Gales of Wind which the Captain said he met with off Dew Point which Set him So far to the Eastward that he could not reach any of those Ports.

Captain Nathaniel Cush the Commander of the Tavistock informing us by Letter that on taking out the Cargo designed for this place he found a great many Drains in the Ships Sides which made it requisite to Caulk her All round and that having Sprung Two Top Masts and broke his Main Yard it would be impossible to get on the Coast before the Monsoon Set in We gave directions to our Master Attendant to get the Tryal Snow in readiness wih the utmost expedition the Master of her Acquainting us She was in want of Caulking and on her We shall Send the Treasure and Bales You designed for your Northern Settlements and from thence We shall direct the Master to proceed to your Presidency with what Madeira Wine he can take on board.

We have Agreeable to Your Honour &c^{ts}. request in your favour of the 28th. May demanded of Captain Tiddeman commander of the Edgbaston One hundred Forty four Pagodas (144) due to Peter Dencher on Account of Oxen he Supplied that Ship with, When Captain Hereford Commanded her, He informs us that Captain Hereford has credit on the Ships Books for Forty eight Bullocks for which if Dencher is not paid he desired us to request your Honour &c^{a}. would Apply to Vallapah Captain Hereford's Dubash who has upwards of Two hundred Pagodas (200) of the deceased Captain's Estate in his hands which will not only defray the Ships Debts but all other Demands on him.

We are now to Acquaint Your Honour &c^{a}. of our having drawn First & Second Bills of Exchange on Your Presidency in favour of M^{r}. Edward Holden Cruttenden payable to Mess^{rs}. Moses Berend Heyman & Levy Moses for Arcot Rupees Twelve thousand and Forty nine (12049) or Current Rupees 13133. 6. 6 which We request You will pay when due.

Our Honourable Masters have Sent us no Recruits this Season Apprehending we may be able Sufficiently to Recruit our Military out of the Forces and Marines in his Majesty's Service We are therefore to desire Your Honour &c^{a}. will use Your endeavours to prevail on as many as possibly You can to Serve the Companys here and for an Encouragement to the Non Commission Officers & private men to enter into their Service they have Allowed us to give a Bounty not exceeding Forty Rupees to each man but in cases where any one enter on his being promoted to the Rank of Serjant or Corporal not having served in that Rank before they expect Such Person to enter without any other Bounty than that of his promotion.

We now enclose to You the Masters Receipt for a Box Packet directed to the Honourable Court of Directors which Your Honour &c^{a}. will be pleased to forward them Duplicate whereof we Shall Send ℔ Elizabeth.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most humble Servants

FORT WILLIAM
THE 10TH. AUGUST 1749.

A. DAWSON.
WILLIAM FYTCH.
HUM^{RY}. BELLAMY.
ROGER DRAKE, *Jun^{r}*.
E. H. CRUTTENDEN.
SAMUEL ROOPER.
WILLIAM WATTS.
THOMAS BURROW.

N°. 78

To THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Letter of the 11th. July Arrived with us on the 31st. whereby we Observe the large Tonnage You have to compleat this Season, and the hopes entertained of meeting with Assistance therein from this Place, which we are Sorry to say we shall be unable to Comply with, as the produce of Pepper in these Parts will we imagine be very Small this Season, from the excessive Rains that fell in the Country which destroyed the fruit on the Pepper vines; And it was with much difficulty we could prevail on our Merchants to Contract with Us for One thousand five hundred Candies (of 600 lbs. ea) of which they have deld only to this day Seven hundred twenty five Candies two Maunds twenty Nine Pounds and a half
Cas. md. lbs.
(725. 2. 29½) and we fear they will not be Able to make good the whole Quantity which Allowing them to do, in all December, we Shall have only in Warehouse of the Old and New Crop One thousand eight hundred Seventy nine Candies Sixteen
Cas. Md. lb.
Maunds and Nine Pounds (1879. 16. 9) so that with ten thousand Pounds
lbs.
(10000) weight of Cardamoms which we expect Orders from our Superiours at Bombay to provide, will be the whole of what we may expect to get this Season.

Our Honble Masters in their last Commands to this place gave us positive Orders not to purchase more than Two thousand Candies of Pepper Unless to be
Rs.
got at, or under Seventy Rups. (70) ℔ Candy in which Case they Ordered Us to go on purchasing what was procurable, Nothwithstanding which on receiving Notice of the extraordinary Demands at Your Place we Agreed to have recourse to Callicut, Penany, and other Ports to the Northward to procure this Article at any rate, so as to prevent a disappointment of the Above quantity, but all without Effect hitherto.

We Shall Advise our Superiours at Bombay what you have wrote Us by the first Occasion and Adhere to Such Orders we may receive from them for giving You all the Assistance in our Power, Should the Honble Rear Admiral pay into Your Cash Rupees three hundred twelve, two Quarter and twenty five Reas
Rs. qr. reas
(312. 2. 25) for an under charge in Gun Powder Supplied his Majesty's Ships here in March 1748 please to receive the Same and Credit this Factory.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

TELLICHERRY
SEPTEMBER 8TH. 1749.

Your most humble Servants

THOMAS BYFELD.

JOHN ROBINSON.
CHAS. WATER.

N°. 79

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received Your favour of the 11th. Instant, enclosing an Extract of the 42 parâ of the Honble Companys Letter ℔ Ship Walpole relating to Lieutt. Peter Echman and Shall comply with the Orders therein.

We have Looked over the Books and Papers left by the French belonging to the Company & find there is most of the Papers for 1746 and Amongst the rest Two Receipts Given by Captain Robert Osborn of the Princess Mary to the President & Council of Fort St. George for Nine hundred and Ninety Six Pagodas (996) Supplyd him for the Use of his Ship.

The (34) Thirty Four Slaves Sent by Your Honour &ct. on the Severn Are Safely Landed and Enclosed is the Stewards Estimate of the Expence of each Slave ℔ Month being the Same Allowance as is given the Companys Slaves at Fort Marlbrô.

We forgot to Acquaint Your Honour &ca. of a Deficiency of Eighty One (81) Slabs of Lead[pr.] 118. 3. 4½ Amounting to Two hundred and Eighteen Pagodas Twenty-Nine Fanams and Twenty Cash P. 218. 29. 20 Sent us on the Duke of Newcastle. On our Demanding of the Captain the Reason of Such a Deficiency He informed us that by your Honour &ca. Order he Shipp'd on board the Porto Bello Sloop Eighty Slabs (80) and as for the other Slab he imagin'd it to be Some where in the Ship and that when he Arrived at St. David he would Deliver it there, All which we have Debted Your Presidency for.

We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
18th. Septr. 1749.

Stringer Lawrence.
Alexander Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

The Stewards Estimate of the Monthly Allowance of Each Slave.

	Mer		
Rice 30 Measr. or 3·6 at Pags. 80 ℔ Garce	28	64	
Arrack 30 Drams 3Qts. at P. 60 ℔ Leagr.	10	64	
Allowance for Curry Stuff &ct. to be given in Speice ..	15	—	
Cloaths	9	—	
Pags.	1	27	48

N°. 80

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received Your Honour &cas. Favour of the 17th. September ℔ Porto Bello Sloop with the five Chests of Rupees.

The Mary Arrived here a few Days past from the Bay, & the Captain offering his Cargoe of Rice for Sale, we Agreed for it at 80 Pagodas the Garse, to pay

him in Rupees @ 350 ℔ % Pag^{s}. this we did in order to Keep down the price in the Buzars, & as a much greater Quantity will be wanted, we desire Your Honour &c^{t}. will give us leave to purchase what more may Offer, & that You'l Send a further Supply of Money to pay for it. Linga Chitty having desired that a few Bales of Broad Cloth might be delivered him here, We Accordingly let him have twenty Bales.

The Ship Success with the Honourable Companys Bales is in the Offing. We are with respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
21ST. SEPTEMBER 1749.

Your most Obedient Servants
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N^{o}. 81

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote You yesterday ℔ Tryal Snow as ℔ Duplicate enclosed.

This waits on you by ℔ Elizabeth and Serves to Accompany a Box Packet for Europe containing Duplicate of our Advices forwarded to Your care the 10th. Instant for our Honble Masters.

Enclosed we Send Your Honour &c^{a}. Invoice & Bill of Lading 1500 bags of Salt Petre which We have laden on board this Ship and Are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

FORT WILLIAM
THE 22^{D}. AUGUST 1749.

Your Most Humble Servants
A. DAWSON.
WILLIAM FYTCH.
HUMP^{RY}. BELLAMY.
ROGER DRAKE, *Jun^{r}*.
E. H. CRUTTENDEN.
SAMUEL ROOPER.
WILL^{M}. WALLS.
THO^{S}. BURROW.

N^{o}. 82

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since our last of the 10th. Instant (Duplicate whereof is Inclosed) We have been favour'd with Yours of 24th. July ℔ Britannia the Supply of Treasure You sent us by her is now landing When it is Weigh'd off and Survey'd we Shall advice You how it turns out.

The Treasure ℔ Walpole and Tryal Snow came out Right Agreeable to the Invoice.

Having laden the Bales and Treasure Design'd for Your Northern Settlements on the Tryal Snow we now Dispatch her to Vizagapatam, and as we have put on Board her 51 Pipes of Madera Wine for the Service of your Presidency as ℔ Bill of Lading Inclosed We have desired the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam to be as expeditious as possible in Dispatching her to You.

We observe by the Report of Rice Sent you ℔ Ships Porto Bello Winchelsea, Royal George & Rhoda that it was coarse & much Intermix'd with Dust and Sand, and Deficient in Quantity which Deficiency Should have been Demanded of the Captain at Your place, as to the Quality it was the Best procurable here at that time but we Shall in future Send You none unless it proves very good.

We have delivered Captain Taylor a packet from the Hoñble Company for your Presidency which came on the Tavistock and which was Open'd by the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam in order to take a Copy of the letter.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most humble Servants

FORT WILLIAM
THE 21ST. AUGST. 1749.

A. DAWSON.
WILLIAM FYTCH.
HUMPRY. BELLAMY.
ROGER DRAKE, *Junr.*
E. W. CRUTTENDEN.
SAML. ROOPER.
WILLM. WATTS.

N°. 83

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Honour's &ca. Favour of the 18th. Instant came to hand Last Night, Agreeable to your Order therein we now Send you a Box Pacquet containing all the Material papers &ct. we have found as ℔ List enclos'd; Your Honr. &ca. will please to Observe that excepting the Consultations & Mint Account Current's the rest are all original Papers of which we have no Copies, The Cash Account till September will be sent you in a few Days as likewise the Consultations as far as the 16th. of June (which are all there is) which are now transcribing, from foul Copies of the Late Mr. Secretary Savage's Hand, The General Books Ending the 30th. April 1746 We have not Sent as they are not Ballanc'd.

The Slaves being in want of Some Cloathing We desire your Honour &ct. will Send us Some Blue Cloth for that purpose. We are with Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
23D. SEPTEMBER 1749.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

A List of Books & Papers contained in the Box Pacquet.

No. 1. Six Sections of Consultations from the Dispatch of the Edgbaston to the 30 May 1746.
2. Six Sections of Letters Sent from the 1st. January to the 1st. of August 1746.
3. Six Sections of Letters Received from the 14th. December to the 12th. May 1746.
4. Letter to England Dated 4th. July 1746.
5. Captain Obsorn's 2 Receipts for Money Advanc'd him by the President & Council of Fort St. George Dated 1st. Septr. 1746.
6. An Order Sign'd by the Secretary, to Captain Osborn to Send ashore his Charterparty Men Dated 30 June 1746.
7. Captain Osborn's Letter to the Governour & Council of Fort St. George Dated 18th. August 1746.
8. The Governour & Council's Letter to Capt. Osborn dated 18th. August 1746.

These are ty'd up together.

9. Mint Account Currents from January to August 1746.
10. Import Warehouse Accounts from Janry. to May 1746.
11. Land Customers Account Currents from March to July 1746.
12. Foul Copies of Letters Sent from 1st. Janry. to 6th. Septr. 1746.
13. A Bundle of Letters Received to the 1st. September 1746.
14. Import Warehouse Accounts for January, Febry. April & May.
15. Paymaster's Account Current for January, April & May.
16. Captain Osborn Letter to the Governour & Council Dated the 1st. September 1746 for a Supply of Money for the Use of his Ship.
17. Cash Book from Primo May 1742 to Ulto. May 1746.

No. 84

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received of Captain Robertson Rice to the Amount of Pagodas 4272. 24. in part of which we have paid him Rupees 12154, He having acquainted us that he has drawn on the President for the remainder to be paid to his Order at Fort St. David.

We must desire Your Honour &ca. will order a further Supply of Money to be Sent us, As We Shall not have enough to pay for the Grain we bought, reserving Sufficient to pay the Gratuity to Such of his Majestys Troops as may enter here. We are with Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
25th. Septr. 1749.

Your Most Obedient Servants
Stringer Lawrence.
Alexander Wynch.
Foss Westcott.

N°. 85

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esq^R^.
President & Governour &c^T^. Council
of Fort S^T^. David.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

We wrote to Your Honour &c^a^. under date the 21^st^. Ultimo ℔ Tryal Snow as ℔ said Letter enclosed, whereby You will observe our intentions to have forwarded fifty one Pipes of the Madeira Wine designed for Your Presidency But that Vessel having Sprung her Foremast was Obliged to put back here.

On her return We landed the Wine & Supplys of Woolen Goods & Treasure which You designed for the use of your Northern Settlements The Wine Shall be taken due care of and forwarded to you by the first Conveyances, but Apprehending that Your Subordinate Factories would be greatly distressed for want of the Supplys designed thither We came to a resolution of Sending them up to Vizagapatam on our Hoñble Masters Sloop Fort S^t^. George desiring the Chief & Council there to return her to us as Soon as possible as We are in great want of her for the Service of this River.

The Treasure ℔ Brittania turned out Agreeable to Invoice and We desire Your Honour &c^t^. will lose no Opportunity of Sending us all the Money You can by any means Spare from Your Own Occasions.

We are sorry to Acquaint Your Honour &c^t^. that our Business Still continues Stopt and Are

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Humble Servants

Fort William
the 7^th^. Sept^R^. 1749.

A. Dawson.
William Fytche.
Humph^RY^. Bellamy.
Roger Drake, *Jun^r^*.
E. H. Cruttenden.
Sam^L^. Rooper.
Will^M^. Watts.
Tho^s^. Burrow.

N°. 86

To the Hon̄ble Charles Floyer Esq^R^.
President & Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort S^T^. David.

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Since our Letter of the 7^th^. We have drawn First & Second Bills of Exchange on your Presidency for Fifty thousand (50000) Arcot Rupees in favour of Charles Brett Esq^r^. which We are to request Your Honour &c^a^. will pay when due. We are .

Hon̄ble Sir & Sirs

Your Most humble Servants

Fort William
The 9^th^. September 1749.

A. Dawson.
William Fytch.
Humph^RY^. Bellamy.
Roger Drake, *Jun^r^*.
E. H. Cruttenden.
Samuel Rooper.
William Watts.
Thomas Burrow.

N°. 87

To THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We Last Address'd Your Honour &ca. under Date the 25th. Instant Advising of Our having paid Capt. Robertson Twelve thousand One hundred & fifty four (12154) Rupees in part for the Rice Deliver'd us, Since which we have purchased 80 Eighty Garce more at 80 Pags. which we beleive [*sic*] will be Sufficient.

Major Lawrence having communicated to us a Letter from the President to him concerning the Boat people that had left Fort St. David and come heither [*sic*] & Desiring he would return them, Upon Our Ordering them into Custody the Head People came & informed us that in case we did force them the Rest would Leave the Place, Upon Our Advising with the General about it he was of the Same Opinion so that we were obliged to release them.

The Paymaster of His Majestys Train being in Want of Money for the Use of it, We have Supply'd him with One thousand & fifty Rupees (1050) @ 350 ℔ % which have Debted Your Presidency for.

Enclosed we Send Your Honour &ct. the Consultations till the 16th. June, & are with Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

FORT ST. GEORGE
29TH SEPTEMBER 1749.

Your Most Obedt. Servants
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

N°. 88

To THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By the Fort William We advised Your Honour &ca. of the Tryall Snow having proceeded to Bengall Since which We hear by Ship William that she is intended for your place with the Madeira Wine and we are in great hopes she will call here with the Money designed for these Settlements as You will please to Observe by Our Cash Ulto. August we are in a low condition.

We have laden on Ship Success John Heriot Master 300 Bales Amounting to Pags. 23355. 23. 60. as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading inclosed, which we hope will prove Agreeable, The Tryalls passing this Port is an unfortunate Accident, as the want of Cash has proved a very considerable detriment to our Investment.

Agreeable to Your directions Capt. Peter Love takes his passage on this Ship, he has been advanc'd Rs. 140 ℔ Month since 1st. April upon regulating the Militarys pay if there Should be any difference he is to repay the Overplus.

The Chickacull Nabob and Vizaram Raws are come to an Amicable Agreement which we hope will be favourable to our Honble Masters Affairs in these parts.

Inclosed is Duplicate of our Last with Cash Accounts and Diarys to Ult°. August Our Paymasters Accounts are Still open till the Militarys pay is regulated We wish this Ship a Safe and quick passage to you being

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obed^t^. humble Servants

VIZAGAPATAM
9^TH^. SEPTEMBER 1749.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
JOHN CHURCHEY.
SAM^L^. BANKS.

N°. 89

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^T^. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T^. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This Serves to enclose Your Honour &c^a^. the Accounts of this place, for the four last months. As you was pleased to promise me a Supply of Money upon the Arrival of the Europe Ships I am daily in hopes of receiving it, that we may be doing Something towards defraying the Expences of this place.

I am with the greatest esteem

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Obedient & Most obliged humble Servant

GANJAM
AUGUST 14^TH^. 1749.

JOHN ANDREWS.

N°. 90

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^T^. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T^. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This is to Advise Your Honour &c^a^. that by sloop Fortune who imported here Yesterday from Bengall we are inform'd the Tryall Snow having Sprung her Foremast was returned to Calcutta dispairing therefore of receiving the Supply sent us by her before January and then probably not the Rupees, least our Investment should suffer greatly thereby we request you will please to Send us as soon as possible by Bills on Metchlepatam Pag^s^. 10000. We beg leave to Assure Your Honour &c^a^. our best endeavours Shall not be wanting to get as much Cloth as possible.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obed^t^. humble Servants

VIZAGAPATAM
21^ST^. SEPTEMBER 1749.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
JOHN CHURCHEY.
SAMUEL BANKS.

N°. 91

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the Duke of Newcastle that Imported here Yesterday we received Your Honour &ca. favour of the 29th. Ultimo together with Ten (10) Chests of Rupees containg. Eighty thousand (80000) and thirty pieces of Blue Cloth, We now return her to You and have According to Your Order Delivered Captain Fowler the Journal for the Year 1742, and Are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George . Your Most Obedient Servants
1st. October 1749. Stringer Lawrence.
Foss Westcott.

N°. 92

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We beg the favour of Your Honour &ca. to forward the Inclos'd letter ℔ first English Ship bound for Bengal for the Director and Council there. In the meantime we are with much Respect.

Nagapatam Castle
11th. October N.S. 1749.

L. Hooreman.
Vanson.
Drentclen.
Vick.
Du Bon.
Martens.
Teylinger.
De Joncheere.

N°. 93

To the Honourable Charles Flower Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This is to Advise You that We have purchased Twenty Eight Garse & Two hundred & Fifteen Mercalls (28. 215) of Rice of Captain Wills Commander of the Elizabeth the Amount of which being Two thousand Two hundred and Eighty Three. (2283) Pagodas, We have drawn upon Your Honour &ca. and are with Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George . Your Most Obedient Servants
1st. October 1749. Stringer Lawrence.
Foss Westcott.

N°. 94

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have now before us Your favour of the 29th. Ultimo which reached us the 14th. Instant together with Duplicate of Your last.

By Advices from the Honourable President and Council of Bombay dated the 12th Instant we learn the Arrival of the Boscawen the 2d. Ultimo by which Ship the Honble Company have been pleased to Direct that Mr. Richard Bourchier be Mr. Wake's Successor in the Government when he Cares to resign..

The Prince William Captain Webber was Dispatched to Bengall the beginning of last Month who the Honble President and Council write us they imagine will be returned to this Coast it being Apprehended the Gentlemen there from the Troubles in that Country and the large Tonnage they will have to provide for will not be able to Dispatch her home from thence.

Our Superiors have been pleased to give us Directions in respect to the Dispatch of such Ships as belong to our Honble masters that may be ordered hither by Your Honour &ca. which we shall endeavour to Comply with if possible but as we wrote in our last there is little hopes of providing Sufficient Tonnage for them our Remains of pepper in Warehouse this Day being only Cands. 1122. md. 11. lb. 8½ and we have no hopes at present of contracting for a further quantity.

We have the pleasure to Advise You that a peace was Signed the 7th. of October last at Aix La Chapelle by the Several power engaged in the War and we have received Directions from the Honble President and Council of Bombay to Publish the same here having received his Majesty's Proclamation for that purpose and shall Comply therewith Early to morrow.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Tellicherry
Septr. the 25th. 1749.

Thomas Byfeld.
Ar. Douglas.
John Robinson.
Charles Waters.

N°. 95

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday the Two Battations [*sic*] of His Majesty's Troops were drawn out in order for Our receiving Such of them that were willing to enter into the Honble Companys Service, when to Our great Surprize, but Eighty Men chose to accept of it; As the Shortness of Time would not permit us to Advise Your Honr. &ca. and to request your Orders concerning it and the Inhabitants likewise both Black and White having express'd their Uneasiness at such a small Garrison there was likely to be left and were about leaving the place, We were greatly at a Loss in what manner to Act, when it was intimated to us that in case we would give Commissions to some of the Officers (as the Men were reluctant to Serve under Strangers) we Should get the Major part of them, As the taking Such a Step without first

Acquainting Your Honour &c^{a}. was unprecedented and the Hoñble Company had expressly order'd but Seven Companys for the Coast we were at first Apprehensive it might be deem'd unwarrantable; But upon mature Deliberation considering in what Situation the Affairs of this Province are and that the French are Aiming at nothing less than becoming Master(s) of it having got together a Large Force for that purpose and by that to exclude us from the Trade thereof, We with the Consent of the General whose Advice we first Ask'd agreed Upon raising three more Companys to be given to Such Officers as had most Influence with the Men, with this Proviso that in Case the Hoñble Company Should not Approve of the Measures we have taken that then and in such Case the Officers are to be paid for their Passage to Europe, We flatter Ourselves that we have done will meet with Your Honour &c^{a}. Approbation as nothing but the Interest of the Hoñble Company induc'd us to take Such a step without preacquainting You, and we make no Doubt but when our Honourable Masters are Acquainted with Reasons that Urg'd us to it that we shall have there [*sic*] Concurence therein The following are the Gentlemen who we have entertaind as Officers and must Desire Your Honour &c^{t}. will order Commissions to be drawn out for them,. Captains William Richards, Donald Campbell—Macdonald Lieut^{s}. Daniel Pepper, Charles Campbell, &—Hood, Ensigns Joseph Smith Peter Campbell,—Stubbs.

As Captain Holland in a private Letter has desired an Officer may be sent him for An Adjutant we have entertaind M^{r}. Alex^{r}. Grant who will take his Passage on Cap^{t}. Mackie and at the Same time we shall Acquaint the Governour & Council of Fort William thereof.

The Blue Cloth Your Honour &c^{a}. Sent us for the Slaves on the Duke of Newcastle through Mistake was not Landed. We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
FOSS WESTCOTT.

FORT ST. GEORGE
8TH. OCTOBER 1749.

N°. 96

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We had the Honour of Your Letter of the 6th. Instant O.S. and are obliged to you for Your Sending us the Proclamation as also for forwarding the Letter to Bengall; The Peace so long Expected is at length concluded by the high Potentates concerned in the War.

We are with all Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Friends & humble Servants

L. HOOREMAN.
P. WANSON.
C. L. VAN DRENTELEN.
D. C. VICK.
H. DUBON.
J. MARTENZ.
F. TEYLENGEN.
N. DE JOHCHEERE.
P. F. CORT.

NEGAPATAM CASTLE
21ST. OCTOBER O.S. 1749.

N°. 97

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir, & Sirs

This Serves to cover Duplicate Invoice & second Bill of Lading of Sundries ℔ Pheenix Snow Capt. James Archer who Saild out of this Road the 29th. August.

The under written is an Account of what Cloth I have now on hand, which leaves me only to add that I am with all imaginable Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Ingeram
the 14th. Septr. 1749.

Your most Obedt. humble Servant
Robert Goodere.

	Ba.
Long Cloth Ordinary ...	26
Long Cloth Fine ...	10
	36 Bales.

N°. 98

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I was this morning honoured with Your Letter of the 12th. Instant directed to me & Mr. Westcott, nothing cou'd give me more pleasure than Your Honour &ca. Aprobation [*sic*] of our Actions I am Sorry to hear that our last Tappys were Stopt at Pondicherry for it may be a means of preventing my receiving Intelligence from You with that expedition & Secrecy that is Necessary in these tick'lish times, I shall do all that is in my power to cover this place, & its bounds from the insults of any Enemy, but am in great want of some body, to take care of the Civil business, as all my Attention will be wanted to the Military part, the Garrison being in its infancy.

A moore Man was with me, to Shew me Chunda Saibs grant to him of St. Thome, my Answer to him was, that the English Company had a grant of it & their Colours were hoisted there, & that I should fire upon any one who disturbed the inhabitants of that place, he is the Polygar of the Mettaw between this & Egmore, Mr. Morse tells me that the Dutys rais'd there belongs to the Nabob of Arcott, unless he comits any act of Hostilyty I shall not dislodg [*sic*] him 'till I receive Your Honour &cas. Orders. I am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
October 15th. 1749.

Your Most Obedient Servant
Stringer Lawrence.

The Books with the Copys of the Fort St. George Letters to England for Years 1744 & 45 Shall be sent by the 1st. Safe Sea Conveyance.

N°. 99

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council
of Fort S^t^. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This Serves to inclose Duplicate of our Letter and Invoice with Second Bill of Lading for 300 Bales laden on Ship Success Amounting to P. 23355. 23. 60 She saild from hence the 13^th^. when Ship Dragon imported with your Favour of the 3^d^. and Duplicate of that of the 21^st^. August which is not Yet come to hand, the Treasure imported by her turnd out right We are hourly in expectation of the Tryall when she shall reply fully to Your Several favours.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants

Vizagapatam
16^th^. Sept^r^. 1749.

Thomas Saunders.
John Churchey.
Sam^l^. Banks.

N°. 100

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esq^r^.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council
of Fort S^t^. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are now to reply to Your Honours &c^a^. favours of the 20^th^. July ℔ Tryall 21^st^. August ℔ Peons, and 3^d^. Instant ℔ Ship Dragon, She imported here the 11^th^. the Treasure turnd out right According to Invoice and Bill of Lading, the 21^st^. arrived Peons with Your Favour of the 21^st^. August and Duplicate of that ℔. Tryall.

We have already advised Your Honour &c^a^. of the Accident be fallen the Tryall and as it is now very late in the Season dont expect her here. In regard to Your Honours &c^a^. directions concerning the dispatching the Europe Ship that fall in here to your Port that we may have no disputes with the Comm^s^. We Suppose the Months of April May & June the Season will not Admit, but that from June to Ult^o^. March they may proceed, only that in the Months of October it generally blows hard. And their return to Bengall may be precurious [*sic*] We therefore request the favour You will please to give no particular directions how to Act at the different Seasons.

We are glad to hear of the resettling Madrass, and have given notice to all the braders [*sic*] in Grain of Your Honours &c^a^. indulgence in taking off the Customs for 6 Months, though we believe no great quantity will be exported from these parts, As the great Storm has ruined most of the Merchants by the Loss of their Vessells.

We shall take care to Supply M^r^. John Andrews with what Money he may write for, and in case he should require any Military Assistance comply with his request.

Due Credit shall be given Your Presidency for P. 3504. 16. 44 paid M^r^. Richard Prince.

Not having rec'd the Wareh^o^.k^ps^. Account Sortment of Cloth, and Account Curr^t^. with this Factory we request You will please to forward it to us as soon as possible.

Inclosed is Abstract of the Honble Company's Quick Stock at this Settlement Ultº. August with Duplicate of Our Last ℔ Ship Vizia Gopaul.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

VIZAGAPATAM
24TH. SEPTEMBER, 1749.

Your Most Obedt. humble Servants
THOMAS SAUNDERS.
JOHN CHURCHEY.
SAMUEL BANKS.

Nº. 101

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This is just to advise that Sloop Forts George [*sic*] imported here from Bengall the 27th. Instant and brought us Your Favour of the 20th. July with the Treasure and Wares designed us by the Tryall who returned to Culcutta having met with Some Accident, the Bills of Lading we have not receiv'd, The treasure turnd out right but in Bale N. 1505 one Peice of Broad Cloth Midling Blue is missing which we have Advised the Gentlemen at Bengall.

We have received the Account Sortment Cloth, and Account Current with Your Presidency.

Your Honour &ca. direct to send up all the Cloth ready cured, We beg leave to Acquaint You that our Washermen are constantly employd but are not able to cure the whole Quantity provided here, We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

VIZAGAPATAM
29TH. SEPTEMBER 1749.

Your Most Obedt. humble. Servants
THOMAS SAUNDERS.
JOHN CHURCHEY.
SAML. BANKS.

Nº. 102

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your favour of the 21st. August accompanying Extract of an Account of Goods over & wanting Anno 1748 together with Duplicate of what wrote me ℔ Tryall Snow came Safe to hand the 14th. September, Also Your Honour's &ct. favour ℔ Dragon advising of a Supply of 15,000 Pagodas the 19th. of the Same.

I may venture to Assure Your Honour &ca. that the Small Advance You have been pleased to allow the Merchants will encourage them to make their Cloth of a much better manufacture, Tho' my Neighbours the French may probably Impede the Quantity whoes insinuating levity but too readily gains Credit with these Country People; Lately they have had a Supply of 60 thousand Rupees, which they Augment to 90 Thousand & give out they are to have a further Supply by the return of their Brigantine from Pondicherry so on the Strength of the former & Expectation of the latter they are flushed with hopes of performing great matters.

Not receiving the Supply of Cash and Broad Cloth Your Honour &c^{a}. Sent by the Tryall, has not only created me a deal of trouble with the Country Government but been a great check to my Investment.

The confermation of Peace I judge to be very Agreeable News to all well Wishes [*sic*] to the Hoñble Companys Affairs as well Madrass being again in our possession, to which place I have encourag'd the Grain Merchants to Carry their Grain & Acquainted them of the 6 Months indulgence Your Honour &c^{t}. has thought proper to allow them for that purpose.

All due regard Shall be had to the mistakes & deficiences that have been complain'd of in the Ingeram Goods and I hope to prevent the like in future.

A few days past the Sloop Fort S^{t}. George brought me Your favour of the 20th. Ultimo with the Money & Broad Cloth that was carried to Bengall by the Tryall Snow, which Supply & the former I hope will Invigorate the Merchants to make up for their lost time & great disappointment in the said Vessell.

Inclosed are my Journal Parcels & Cash Accounts to Ultimo August, also at the foot hereof is an Account of what Cloth is now at Wash & in the Godown.

I am with great Respect

INGERAM THE 3^{D}. OCTO^{R}. 1749.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servant

ROBERT GOODERE.

	Ba.	
Long Cloth Ord^{ry}. at Wash	39	
Long Cloth Fine do.	14	
Sallampores Ord^{ry}. do.	2	
Long Cloth Ord^{ry}. & Fine in y^{e} Godown ..	11	13 P^{s}.
Izzeeres Superfine		90 d^{o}.
Bales	66	

N^{o}. 103

To THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your obliging favour of the 20th. past reach'd me Yesterday, what you write in regard to this Factory, I shall give the Utmost Attention to, I had before the receipt of your Honours &c^{a}. Letter, made every thing ready for a remove, not knowing what your Orders, or the Consequence of things might be here, but Since the Nabob went to Chicacul, the Country is quiet enough, and as he is now reconciled to Vizaramrauze the cause of all the late disturbances here is remov'd; I cannot but return Your Honour &c^{a}. thanks for the Confidence You have been pleas'd to repose in me on this Occasion, at the Same time Assure You that it shall have no other Effect upon me than to engage me to act in the Most disinterested manner, for the Advantage of the Honourable Company, I shall determine, nothing fully Yet in regard to this place, as every thing is now quiet, I shall make what Cloth I can between this and Christmass (though the Season is so far Elapsed that no great matter can be done in that time) by which time I shall be able to judge of the Government and the Country If I can have any well grounded hopes, of carrying on an Investment the ensuing Year, I shall Address You for a Suitable Supply, if not; and I shou'd find it most for the Interest; of the Honourable Compy to Sit down with the first Loss, I shall (Agreable to the Liberty now given me) gather in and Ship off what I can, and wait on Your Honour &c^{a}. in person to receive Your further Orders.

I Shall Acquaint the Merchants here, with the Encouragement You have been pleas'd to propose for the Supplying Madrass with Grain; which Join'd to their Own Interests in other respects, will not fail to carry them there, for as most of their Vessels are but badly furnish'd, for the Sea, and generally late in the Season before they are dispatch'd from their respective ports; it cannot but be more convenient to them, than proceeding further up the Coast.

I am with the greatest Esteem

GANJAM — HONBLE SIR & SIRS

20TH. SEPTEMBER 1749. — Your most Obedient and most Obliged humble Servant

JOHN ANDREWS.

N°. 104

TO THE HONBLE THE PRESIDENT
AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

In Consequence of Leave given me by the Honble the President. I have this Day drawn on you by one Single Bill for five Hundred Star Pagodas, In favour of Mr. Peter St. Paul, and for which I shall give due Credit in the Civil Expences of this Garrisson for this present Month.

I am with all due Respect

DAVE COTAH — HONBLE SIR & SIRS

16TH. OCTOBER 1749. — Your Faithful & Obedt. Servant

JAMES COPE.

N°. 105

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last was dated the 6th. Ultimo, Duplicate whereof comes enclosed, Since when we have received Your Letters of the 29th. June and 11th. July last.

Immediately upon receipt of Your Letter of the 11th. July advising us of your intentions of Sending the Newcastle to the Mallabar Coast to fill up with Pepper, and that the Dragon would proceed thither from the Bay, we Acquainted the Chief & Factors at Tellicherry thereof Agreeable to Your Advices, but as the Prince William which is on the War Freight & Demorage may in all Probability be expected thither from the Bay to take in a Loading for Great Britain, we gave them directions to reserve for that Ship about four hundred Tons of Pepper out of the eighteen hundred Candys it is Judged there will be in Warehouse by the end of December, and to dispatch home either the Newcastle and Dragon with the remainder although one hundred & fifty Tons dead Freighted detaining the other Untill we can find means to give her a Dispatch, though in case they had not more than Sufficient for the Prince William in manner abovementioned, we directed them, not to dispatch home either of the other Ships till after her Arrival, or they received Advices from the Bay that she would proceed home from thence, in which last Case they will put on board the Ships from Your side about three hundred Tons each, & dispatch them therewith to great Britain, we cannot as Yet Say in what manner we shall be Able to provide even for one of the three Ships consigned to this Presidency so as to send her home this Season, nor can

we at present determine how to dispose of any of them in India so as to earn Something to help out Dimorage, wherefore if Your Honour &c^{a}. Should have more Ships on Your hands than you can provide for, it, will be needless to send any to this Side as we shall have no Tonnage for them.

The Lead taken out of the Brilliant at this Place was weighed off by our People in the Presence of the Commander, and Afterwards on delivery again weighed off when there was only Such an Inconsiderable difference as not worth mentioning we shall not Credit Your Presidency for the Difference mentioned in Your Honour &c$^{a's}$. Letter of the 29th. June.

Enclosed is a General Account Current with Your Presidency from the 30th. April 1747 being the Date of the last transmitted from this Place by which You will Observe the Several Debts and Credits Arisen between the two Presidencys Since that time.

On the 26. Instant our Honble Masters Ship Durrington sailed for Great Britain with a full Loading of Coffee, and Yesterday Arrived the Stafford Cap^{t}. Felix Baker, in About five Months from the Downes, but as yet, we have heard nothing of the Salisbury and Warren.

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

BOMBAY CASTLE
28TH. SEPTEMBER 1749.

Your most Humble Servants
WILLIAM WAKE.
... ...
THOMAS LANE.
WILLIAM SEDGWICKE.
... ...
H. SYMONS.
JAMES HENRY LAMBE.
THOMAS HODGES.

N°. 106

TO THE HONBLE THE PRESIDENT
AND COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

As it will Appear by my Accounts of the Usual Expences on Account of your Garrisson of Deva Cotta for this present Month of October 1749, that I have no Ballance remaining in my hands for defraying the Expences of the Ensuing Month of November, I have given a Bill on Your Honours for five hundred Star Pagodas in favour of M^{r}. John Murphy, for which Sume I shall give due Credit, and am

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

DEVA COTTA
31ST. OCTOBER 1749.

Your Faithfull Obed^{t}. Servant
JAMES COPE.

N°. 107

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This Serves to Inclose Duplicate of my last with Journal Parcels and Cash Account for last Month, The under written is an Account of what Cloth I have now upon hand & am with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Ingream
the 21st. Octr. 1749.

Your Most Obedt. humble Servant
Robert Goodere.

	Bas.		
Long Cloth Ordry. ..	76		
Long Cloth Fine ..	30	35	Ps.
Sallampore Ordry. ..	5		
Izzeeres fine ..		150	pieces
Bas.	111	185	Ps.

N°. 108

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I have been honour'd with Your's of the 6th. Instant enclosing Copy of Mahomed Ally Cawn's Phirmaund for St. Thomè and the List of Houses to be confiscated. I have Acquainted Messrs. Barnewall & La Metrie with Your Answer to their Request & Messrs. Starke & Walsh Arriving here the 11th. Instant, On the 13th. I read to them Your's of the 7th. October & 6th. November & gave them conformably an Order for Seizing the Houses and Churches there directed & to warn the Roman Catholicks of the White Town to depart the same within the Term of One Week but this latter Part Admitting of some Difficulties in the Distenction [*sic*] of Armenians of the Greek from those who have embraced the Romish Church, I beg Your Honour &cts. Explanation on this Head & whether Armenians in General are excluded the white Town: I further beg You will give your Directions concerning those People's Houses who are order'd to quit the Place and to whom the Proprietors may dispose of them. On the Seizure of the Portugui Church the Fathers Capuchins desiring a prolongation of the Time allotted them to remove, I forward You their Petition to that Purpose. Mr. La Metrie Acquaints me that both his Houses are mortgaged to the deceased Mr. Medeiras & that the Honourable Company must be Accountable for them to that Estate: This Gentleman, the Fathers Capuchins, & most of the others, whose possessions are Seized have desired an Attested Copy of my Orders to Messrs. Starke & Walsh, and Your Honour &ct. Council's Directions to me which I thought myself obliged to give them There is a House adjoining & belonging to the Romish Church that has allways been used in the nature of a School & is not mention'd in Your List of Confiscations, You will be pleased to give Your Orders on that head.

Mr. Jones has applyed to me for the Terms he may rent Mr. La Metries House in St. Thomas's Street, having before enter'd into Engagements with that Gentleman to inhabit the Same Rent free till January for putting it into Repair, towards

which he has already laid out Thirty Pagodas, In Consideration of which I have given him leave to live in it 'till Your further Directions. As I apprehend this will reach You much about the Time of Mr. Princes Setting out for this Place, I hope he will be furnished with Your Orders on the foregoing Particulars. I have already mounted 80 peices of Canon which are Sufficient for the Defence of the place & propose on Mr. Prince's Arrival to return to St. David by a Chelenga if I can get one & bring the Fort St. George Letters to England for the Years 1744 & 1745 with me.

I have the Honour to be

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
14th. November 1749.

Your Most Obedt. humble Servant
Stringer Lawrence.

N°. 109

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received Your Letter of the 14th. Instant and Shall execute Your Orders concerning Maul Rause and the Bombay Seepoys: The Account of Payments of the Latter will be drawn out with all Expedition & transmitted.

Mr. La Mettrie waited on Major Lawrence to day & presented him a Remonstrance Copy of which is enclosed. He begs Your Honour &ct. to furnish him with a Reply to it as soon as possible, having in other Case promised that Gentleman the Copy of your Orders for Seizing him as One.

We have the Honour to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort St. George
18th. November 1749.

Your most obedt. & most humble Servants
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Starke.
John Walsh.

N°. 110

Tevenapatam

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
Governour for the Honourable the
English East India Company
& Council in Fort St. David

Honourable Sir and
Much Esteemed Friends

It is our friendly request, Your Honour would be pleased to deliver the Honble Company's Factory at Tevenapatnam to our Resident Nieuwenhuysen, as our Company Shall be in want of the Same, and there will now be no Necessity for keeping

it any longer Since the Honourable Admiral Edward Boscawen is departed for Europe, to whom it was only lent for Some time for to lodge His Military forces, We remain with all regard.

HONBLE SIR & MUCH

ESTEEMED FRIENDS

Your Honour's &c^{a}. Most Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Servants

NEGAPATNAM,
IN THE CASTLE
29TH. NOVEMBER 1749.

L. HOOREMAN.
P. VAN SON.
C. Z. VAN DRENTLEN.
D. C. VICK.
HENDRICK DU BON.
IAN MARTENSZ.
I. V. TEYLINGEN.
N. DE JONCHERE.
P. F. CORT.

N°. 111

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to enclose the Account of two Months Advance made the Bombay Seapoys Amount^{g}. to Eight hundred and Twenty four (824) Rupees.

We are with great Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most obedient humble Servants

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
20TH. NOVEMBER 1749.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
JOHN WALSH.

N°. 112

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This Acknowledges the Receipt of Your's of the 17th. Instant, the Contents of which we Shall faithfully observe: M^{r}. Barnewall having been at Pulliacat, the Confiscation of his House was not signified to him 'till Yesterday by Messieurs Starke and Walsh, at which Time he declared to them his House was Mortgaged.

We have the Honour to be

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most obed^{t}. humble Servants

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
22^{D}. NOVEMBER 1749.

STRINGER LAWRENCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
JOHN WALSH.

N°. 113

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Enclosed is Duplicate of our last to Your honour &ca. dated the 28th. Ultimo, and this is Purposely to Acknowledge Receipt of Your favours of the 28th. and 30th. Augst. which came to hand on the 3d. Instant.

Having nothing further to add at present we remain.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Bombay Castle
13th. October 1749.

Your Most humble Servants
William Wake.
William West.
Thomas Lane.
William Sedgwick.
Chas. Crommelin.
Hugh Symmons.
J. H. Lambe.
Thos. Hodges.

N°. 114

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Honour &ca. duplicate favour of the 20th. July, reached me two days agoe, and the Original enclosing Invoice of Two Bales of Broad Cloth fine, this Morning.

Enclosed comes the Stock Account Journal Parcells and Cash Accounts for August and September.

Under date of the 20th. past I wrote Your Honour &ca. the Needful in regard to this place. I have begun an Investment and to that end have received 4000 Rupees from Mr. Saunders &ca. and now write for more I shall get what I can ready to send in December, and then determine as to the Ensueing Year.

I am with the greatest esteem

Honble Sir & Sirs

Ganjam
October 4th. 1749.

Your Most Obedient & Most obliged
Humble Servant
John Andrews.

N°. 115

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council
of Fort Sr. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This Serves to Advise of the Arrival of Mr. William Smyth King the 24th. Instant and to enclose agreable to Major Lawrence's Request Copy of a Remonstrance presented him by Mr. Barnewall. He begs Your Honour &cts. Reply to the Same.

We have the Honour to be with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort Sr. George
27th. November 1749.

Your Most Obedt. & Most humble. Servants
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Starke.
Willm. Smyth King.
John Walsh.

N°. 116

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council
of Fort Sr. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have had the Honour of Your's of the 25th. Instant advising of Mr. Princes Setting out for this Place as Deputy Governour he Arrived to day and Major Lawrence proposes Setting out for Fort Sr. David by Chelinga on Tuesday & Carries with him Copies of the Letters to England for the Years 1744 & 1745. We are with Great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort Sr. George
30th. November 1749.

Your Most Obedt. & Most humble Servants
Stringer Lawrence.
Richard Starke.
Willm. Smyth King.
John Walsh.

N°. 117

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &cr. Council
of Fort Sr. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Yesterday we received Your favour of the 25th. Ultº. Acquainting us of a Commission being given Richard Prince Esqr. for the Deputy Government of this Place & Agreable thereto Major Lawrence resigned the Chair & deliver'd him Over the Cash Amounting to Forty Nine thousand & Ninety Six (49096) Rupees, or at 350 ℘ P 100 to Fourteen thousand and Twenty Seven Pagodas, Fifteen Fanams and Thirty four Cash (P. 14027. 15. 34).

As we Apprehend complying with Your Honour &c^{ts}. Directions for turning Mess^{rs}. La Mettrie and Barnewall out of our Bounds will cancell Mess^{rs}. Madera's Bond for their Appearance in January, We have thought proper to defer the Execution 'till we have Your Sentiments in this Particular.

We shall Strictly observe Your Commands in relation to the letting of the Confiscated Houses & the Enquiry to be made on those reported to be mortgaged, & Affix the Orders, You transmitted us, at our Gates as Soon as translated.

We are with great Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE — Your Most Obed^{t}. & Most humble Servants

2^{D}. DECEMBER 1749.

RICHARD PRINCE.
JOHN WALSH.
WILLIAM SMYTH KING.
RICHARD STARKE.

N°. 118

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

SIR & SIRS

We the underwritten Friars Severine & Bernard of Savoy, Capuchins Missionaries Apostolick, in performance of the Order Signified to us from Stringer Lawrence Esq^{r}. Commandant of Fort S^{t}. George, the 23^{d}. November 1749 to empty our Church & the House thereto Appurtening in the term of eight & further eight days, and our Persons to go Out of the Fort, alias, white Town, have according to the Mandate, accomplish'd every thing. Now we humbly desire to know if Your Honble Board would allow us to Stay Near Your White Town as Such Place as that, where Our Church Yard Situates, or any other that You Should think fit to Grant us with the free exercise of our Religion towards those of our Cummunion [*sic*] as we hither to have been allowed.

We are with Respect

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE — SIR & SIRS

DECEMBER 2^{D}. 1749. — Your most humble Servants,

Frater Seuerinus ut Supra
℔ BERNAVADUS QUI SUPRA.

N°. 119

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIR'S

We wrote You the Second Instant that we Should Agreable to Your Directions enquire into the Reality of the Mortgage of M^{srs}. La Mettrie and Barnewall's Houses They were Accordingly Sent for before us when they promised to make it Appear within 3 Days: but at the Same Time absolutely refused taking the Oath of their Incapacity to discharge the Same Alledging they were trading Men & as Such could not positively Affix their Circumstances Your Honour &c^{a}. will favour us with your further Orders on this head.

We have Order'd the Accounts ever Since the first Arrival of the Commissaries here to be laid before us in Order to be regulated under their proper heads as Soon as finished we Shall not fail to transmitt them.

We are with greatest Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most obed^{t}. & most humble Servants

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
4TH. DEC^{R}. 1749.

RICHARD PRINCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
WILL^{M}. SMYTH KING.
JOHN WALSH.

N°. 120

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I have to advise that the Pheenix Snow imported at Metchlepatam about 4 days past, from whence I have received Your Honour's &c^{a}. favours of the 24th. & 26th. September inclosing Account Sortment of last Years Cloth with Invoice & Bill of Lading for the Sundrys Sent upon her; I shall forthwith Set about closing the Books & as soon as possible transmit the Copys thereof. I am with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servant

ROBERT GOODERE.

INGERAM
THE 17TH. NOVEMBER 1749.

Account Cloth at Nillipilly Godown.

	Bs.	Cor.
Long Cloth Ordinary	127	—
Long Cloth Fine	63	—
Sallampores, Ordinary	5	2
Izzeeres Superfine	—	10
Bales	195	2 Cor.

N°. 121

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{T}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We had Yesterday the favour of your's of the 2^{d}. Instant and now Send You the Several Books there mentioned, the latest we could find of each Sort Viz^{t}.

Fort S^{t}. George Cowles & Commissions for the Years 1742 & 1743.
Ditto for the Years 1744 & 1745.
FORT S^{T}. GEORGE CONSULTATIONS, 10 Sections
From 1st. January } 1746.
To the 1st. June }

FORT ST. GEORGE LETTERS RECEIVED 7 Sections reaching to Letter No. 105.

From 1st. January
To the 1st. June } 1746,

NB Letters No. 84. 85. 86. 87. & 88 are wanting between Sections No. 5 & 6.

FORT ST. GEORGE LETTERS SENT 3 Sections reaching to Letter No. 41.

From 1st. January
To the 3d. March } 1746.
1 Odd Section qt. from Lett. No. 35 to 59.
1 Ditto 79 to 98 Included.
being to the 27th. June 1746.

We enclose Your Honour &ca. the Warehouse keeprs. Indent for Packing Stuff & beg Your Compliance with it.

We shall regularly transmitt the Consultations & Monthly Accounts as directed.

Yesterday Morning Major Stringer Lawrence Sett out by Chelinga for Fort St. David with Captain Clark & Ensign Brown; And a Lieutenant & Fourteen Men of the Train. And to day was read Richard Prince Esqr. his Commission for the Deputy Government of this Place.

We have the Honour to be with great respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Obedient Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
7TH. DECEMBER 1749.

RICHARD PRINCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
WILLM. SMYTH KING.
JOHN WALSH.

FORT ST. GEORGE 7TH DECR. 1749.

INDENT OF PACKING STUFF WANTING AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

Gurrahas of 36 Covids long	200 Ps.
Gunneys	1000 Ps.
Rope	6 Candy's
Twine	2 Candy's

RICHARD STARKE.
Export Wareho. Keepr.

N°. 122

AT TEVENAPATNAM.

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
GOVERNOUR FOR THE HONOURABLE EAST
INDIA COMPANY & COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONOURABLE SIR &
MUCH ESTEEMED FRIENDS,

The inclosed, being a Letter to the Commander on Chief of His Brittannick Majestys Ships, & Vessels William Lisle, which we received last Night from Trinconomale, we humbly desire Your Honour would please to grant it a further Address, remaining with much esteem

HONBLE SIR &

MUCH ESTEEMED FRIENDS

Your most obedient & Most humble Servants

NEGAPATAM IN THE CASTLE
21ST. DECEMBER 1749.

L. HOOREMAN.
P. VAN SON.
C. Z. VAN DRENTCLEN.
D C. VICK.
H. DU BON.
JAN: MARTENSZ.
J. W. TEYLINGEN.
N. DE JONCHEERE.
P. F. CORT.

N°. 123

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote you the 7th. Instant Accompanying the Fort St. George Books & Papers directed to be Sent You. And now enclosed a French Letter under date the 22d. December NS. Addressed to your Honour &ct. from Mr. La Mettrie, which he desired the Deputy Governour to have enter'd in Our Proceedings at this Place & then forwarded to You, with a Duplicate of his Letter to Major Lawrence of the 29th. November NS, & Triplicate of One to Your Honour &ca. of the 28th. October NS.

We have had a Letter from Mr. Barnewall requesting our Leave & Pass port for his going to Pondicherry and that he might have no Room to say the Conditions of his Obligation to the Company were infringed, the Secretary was order'd to Answer him that we could not conceive the Reason of Such an Application, as the Security already given for him, left him at Sufficient Liberty to go where he Should judge fitt 'till the Time Appointed for his Appearance. And he Accordingly Sett out Yesterday Afternoon for that Place.

Finding the Bengal Rice to disagree with the Military & Coffrees, three of the Latter having died Since their Arrival we have Order'd The Warehouse Keeper to purchase Paddy for their Present Supply & wait Your Honour &cts. Directions for their future Provision as well as the Disposal of the Rice now on hand, by a Sale of which at this Time the Company must be considerable Losers.

The Accountant has Applied to us for the valuation of the Town under the Head of the Companys Stock, as likewise that of the Confiscated Houses &c^{a}. we beg to have Your Honour &c^{ts}. Instructions on the Same as well as the bringing to Account the Sundry Garrison Stores received from his Majesty's Ships without Invoice of their Prices.

We are with Great Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servants

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
13TH. DECEMBER 1749.

RICHARD PRINCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
WILL^{M}. SMYTH KING.
JOHN WALSH.

N^{o}. 124

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have been favourd with Your Honour &c^{a}. Letter of the 12th. September and immediately on receipt thereof acquainted the Honble the President &c^{a}. Council of Fort William that we should have 200 or at furthest 250 Bales ready by Xrismes.

Agreeable to orders his Majestys proclamation of Peace was publickly read at our Fort Gate inclosed is Duplicate of our Last Account of Cloth on hand as under written. We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Obed^{t}. humble Servant

THOMAS SAUNDERS.

P.S.—Sloop Fort S^{t}. George having met with bad weather is returned to this Port and now in our River.

JOHN CHURCHEY.
SAMUEL BANKS.

VIZAGAPATAM,
15TH. NOVEMBER 1749.

Long Cloth Ordinary	140	Corge
Salempores Ordinary	100	
Long Cloth Fine	30	

N^{o}. 125

TO THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We were this morning favour'd with Your's of the 15th. Instant enclosing One Copy of M^{rs}. Medeiro's Bond, which with the Duplicate shall be returned her: We shall Execute Your other Orders relating to the Capuchin Missionaries & M^{r}. La Metrie, but M^{r}. Barnewall as we Acquainted Your Hon^{r}. &c. in our last is gone to Pondicherry; We enclose a Translate of the Mortgage Covenants he deliver'd us: M^{r}. La Metrie Should likewise have been Applied to for his but he has been out of Town for some Days Past.

Inclosed we also Send You Copy of a Letter from Mr. Jones. He had for Answer that we did not think ourselves Authorized to oblige Mr. Moses to give Security for his Personal Appearance in England And we could not help remaking as he was Once So desirous to have the Accounts Amicably Adjusted, the Rejecting Mr. Moses's proposal for the Same carried with it too much the Air of a litigious disposition, but that we should Communicate his Letter to Your Honour &ca. for Your Sentiments & Advice on the Affair: He has since Applied to us to know whether we are empower'd to oblige Mr. Moses to give in those Accounts he before Sollicited for in his Tenth, Eleventh & Twelfth Paragraphs and again for our Order to any Commander of the Company's Ships, bound to England, he might Apply to for passage home, to receive him and his Necessaries on board and informing us that he had already requested the same of your Honour &ca. in a Letter to Mr. Secretary Bourchier dated the 22d. July last. In answer to both which the Secretary was order'd to Acquaint him that Mr. Moses had been sent for before us & Asked whether he would deliver in the Accounts required and that he declared he would most willingly & readily comply on Condition Mr. Jones should sett about Adjusting all Accounts without Exception wherein either of them were concerned, and what Differences might happen, be decided by Arbitration; but unless he thought proper to agree to this Proposal, he absolutely refused and we did not hold ourselves impower'd to compel him to produce any Accounts whatsoever, in Relation to his Passage home, as he had already Applied to Your Honour &ca. on that Subject, We directed him to receive his Answer from You. You will please to Acquaint us what further Steps you would have us take in this Affair.

Several of the Gentlemen indebted to St. Mary's Church Stock being willing to pay in their respective Sums to such Churchwardens as a Vestry here shall elect, And the Two old Churchwardens being now on the Spot ready to give in the Accounts of all Transactions whilst they held that Office, We think it a Circumstance highly deserving our Attention not only in Charity to the Interest of the Orphans concer'd therein but that so usefull & beneficial a Fund might not be destroyed. The Profitts of which have been allways Applied to releiving the poorer and needy Part of our Inhabitants, who must otherwise have been a Burthen to Our Honble Masters, a Vestry being composed of the Body of the Inhabitants of the Town & Many of the former principal members now with us, We have nothing to retard the Summoning One but your Honour &ca's Approval, which We flatter ourselves will not be wanting And on Receipt thereof we shall immediately Sett about it.

Application has been made for Registering of the Sales & mortgages of Houses here as formerly practised and as we Esteem it a thing quite necessary to be Continued We have given Orders for the Registry to be kept in the Secretary's Office & wait Your Honour &ca's. Confirmation of them.

Mr. Starke Export Warehouse Keeper reports a Theft to have been committed in the Rice Godowns, & that he has now in Custody one Supposed to be concerned in it. Not having your Directions as Yet for holding a Choultry here, we have desired Mr. Starke to make Enquiry into the Affair.

There are daily Complaints of Robberies committed by Maul Rause's People who are Stragling about & have received no Pay for Some Time past.

We have the Honour to be with the greatest Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 18TH. DECEMBER 1749.

Your most Obedient Servants

RICHARD PRINCE.
RICHARD STARKE.
WILLIAM SMYTH KING.
JOHN WALSH.

I the Underwritten Do Acknowledge to have Received of the hands of Mr. Steven Vermont the Sum of four thousand Pagodas Current at Interest of Seven ℔ Cent ℔ Annum. Which Sum I Promise to pay to the Said Mr. Steven Vermont on demand principal & with such Interest as shall become due at that time, I

acknowledge & Declare that for the Security of the Said four thousand Pagodas that I took of the Said Mr. Vermont at Interest of Seven ℔ Cent I Mortgage My Houses of Madrass & the Mount, Vizt. One at Madrass Situated in the White Town in Choultry Gate Street Adjoining to the Houses of Don Jeronimo de Itta to the Northward & of Coja Petrus Uscan to the Southward & Another House & Garden at the Mount in the Publick Street, which before belong'd to Mr. Abraham Salomons Deceased, & I Bought of his Brother Solomon Salomons. In Witness Whereof & for the Truth of the Above Written I have Set my hand & Dated this in Paliacate the Sixth August 1749 Sign'd by Francis Barnewall & Seal'd with his Seal.

According to the Original
DR. BUYS.

N°. 126

To THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We are to Acknowledge the receipt of Your Honrs. &ca. favour of the 28th. of September ℔ Pheenix who fell with Metchelepatam the 10th. Instant.

Account Current with this Factory and Account Sortment of Cloth Are received. Cloth on hand as Underwritten

We are

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

VIZAGAPATAM — Your most Obedt. humble Servants

21ST. NOVEMBER 1749.

P.S.—Inclosed is Duplicate of our last.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
JOHN CHURCHEY.
SAMUEL BANKS.

N°. 127

To THE HONBLE CHARLES FLOYER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. DAVID.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By these Peons I have Sent Your Honour &ca. Copys of our last Years Books & the Under written is an Account of what Cloth I have on hand, which is the Material from him who is with all possible Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

INGERAM — Your Most Obedient humble Servant

THE 1ST. DECR. 1749. — ROBERT GOODERE.

Accot. of Cloth on hand Vizt.

	Ba.	Cor.	Ps.
Long Cloth Ordinary cur'd ..	101	—	—
Long Cloth Fine d°. ..	57	—	—
Sallampores Ordry. d°. ..	3	—	19
Izzeeres Superfine d°. ..	—	7	4
Brown ½ J ¼ Wash'd ..	96	—	—
Bas.	257	7	23

N°. 128

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreable to what we wrote You the 18th. Instant we Order'd Mr. La Mettrie to depart this Town & it's Dependencies taking with him his Effects: And having first deliver'd us an attested Copy of his Mortgage Bond to Mr. Medeiras for both his Houses, we renounced in the Name of the Honourable Company all right & Title to them permitting them to be dispossed of to any European Protestant. He now resides at his House at Marmelon, which being under the Jurisdiction of St. Thomé, we conceive ought to be included Among the Dependencies of Madrass And as Such we must desire Your Honour &ca's Orders for removing him from thence & expelling him the English Limitts in general.

Mrs. Medeiros's Bond for his & Mr. Barnewall's Appearance in January has been returned her in both Copies.

We have had the Honour of Your's of the 19th. Instt. enclosing Telesinga Chitty & Sunca Vencaty Ramah their Accounts to be examined with the Books here, which we have deliver'd to the Accountant for that purpose.

Mr. La Mettrie Shall be Acquainted with Your Motives for Arresting him, but we must wait for Mr. Barnewall's Arrival from Pondicherry for publishing those in Relation to him, as well as Serving him with an Order for quitting the Town.

We are obliged to Your Honour &ca. for Your Permission of Supplying ourselves with Country Paddy, & Shall observe Your Directions for the Rice on hand, none of which is at present damaged.

We have given publick Notice for the Sale of the Company's Horses and Camells Agreeable to Your Orders & Should [be] complyed with those relating to Mr.Dencker but he ha[s] been lately out of Order.

The Export Warehouse keeper has informed us of 15 ps. of the Company's [...] Cloth being Stole from the Washers by Maul Rauze's People, which Obliges us to beg Your Honour &ca's Permission for Appointing a new Polligar here to Secure ourselves from further Depr[eda]tions of [this] kind.

We enclose the Storekeeper's Indent the Stationary mentioned in which we desire may be sent us with all possible D[is]patch, being in the utmost Necessity for it.

This accompanies a Packet brought by the Fort William from Bengall for Your Honour &ca. She Anchor'd in [our] Road this Afternoon.

With [*sic*] are with the Greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Most Obedient Servants

Richard Prince.
Richard Starke.

Fort St. George
the 26th. Decr. 1749.

N°. 129

To the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote You last under date the 9th. Sept[ember] to advise You of our having drawn Bills of Exchange on Your Honour &ca. in favour of Charles Brett Esqr. for Fifty thousand Arcot Rupees (50,000) which we doubt not were honoured when due.

Since then We have been favoured with Your Several Letters of the 3d. Septr. ℔ Prince William the 5th. do. ℔ Dragon & the 12th. following ℔ Severn.

We received by the Dragon twenty Chests of Treasure and Thirty five more ℔ Severn which came out right Agreeable to Invoice But as these Supplys have gone but a very little way towards paying off our Honble Masters Debts at Interest here & procuring an Investment at this Place & Our Several Subordinates We again beg leave to recommend it to Your Honour &ct. the Supplying us with all the Money You can possibly Spare as we are now left quite destitute.

As We have at last made up matters with the Nabob, & Obtained a Currency to our Business We have come to a resolution of Stationing our Honble Masters Ships as follows Vizt.

The Prince William, Edgbaston & Tavistock } for Europe.

The Severn Captain Dorril for Surat and the Walpole Captain Lowe for Juddah and When Your Honour &ca. Send us Advice of the Tonnage You may have on hand We Shall then come to a resolution of either returning the Brittania to Europe or Sending her on a Country Voyage.

The Gentlemen at Vizagapatam Advised us under date the 20th. October in obedience to Your Honr. &cts. Commands. that they Shall have 200 or at further & 250 Bales ready by the beginning of January.

The 1st. Instant the Dragon was dispatched from hence to Tellicherry with Orders to touch at Anjengo to take in what Pepper Mr. Bourchier &cta. Council may have there As this Vessel did not call at Durassapatam for the Redwood You designed us We have been greatly distressed for want thereof, and desire Your Honour &ca. will embrace all Opportunities that offer for Sending us at least three hundred Tonns (300).

Captain Kent desiring us to give him up His Bill of Lading for the Sixty Chests of Silver which he informed us he had delivered to Your Honour &cta's Order We did not think proper to Comply with his request as he had no Certificate from Your Warehouse Keeper of his having landed it at Your Presidency. We therefore Send it inclosed having endorsed off the 33 Coils of Cordage which was received here and are to desire Your Honour &ca. will forward the Same to the Honble Company.

Having granted First & Second Bills of Exchange on Your Presidency dated the 30th. November in favour of Mr. Davi[d] Findlay or Order for Current Rupees 8202. 4. or Arcot Rupee[s] 7525. We request Your Honour &ct. will pay the Sam[e] when due and are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Fort William
the 4th. December 1749.

Your most humble Servants
A. Dawson.
William Fytche.
... ...
Roger Drake *Junr.*
E. H. Cruttenden.
William Watts.

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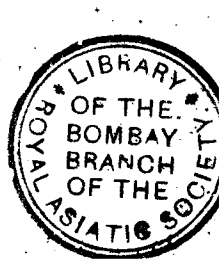

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